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Welcome to our Spring/Summer 2025 newsletter

Spring has sprung! Welcome to our latest village newsletter. Ackworth is filled with the colours of spring, with all the bulbs our community planted last year now in bloom. We have an exciting year filled with events and projects and we look forward to enjoying them with you all.



Ackworth Gala 2025

at Carr Bridge Playing Field

Saturday 28th

June

12pm - 4pm

- * Live Music * Live Acts * Food Vans * Gymnastics Displays *
- * Ice Cream Vans * Climbing Wall * Inflatables *
- * Have-a-go Circus *

For further details please contact
projectsmanager@ackworthparishcouncil.gov.uk

Save the Date Our Village Gala is a perfect event for the whole family and we're looking forward to transforming Carr Bridge Playing Fields into a fabulous Community event. Once again the Gala will be filled with an array of fun activities and entertainment. The event will be officially opened by the reigning Gala King and Queen at midday which will kickstart a jam packed afternoon of amazing entertainment, free activities, gorgeous food and wonderful Community Stalls.

Community Stalls We are currently taking bookings for the Community Stalls. These are available free of charge to any community groups, schools, clubs or charities who are associated with the village. They are the perfect way to raise valuable funds for your organisations. To request an application form please contact
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Ackworth Parish Council's Coffee Morning



Monday 19th May Monday 15th Sep
Monday 28th Apr Monday 20th Oct
Monday 23rd June Monday 17th Nov

All
Welcome
10.30 - 12pm

Come and join your Parish Council for a chat and coffee.
Find out what's happening and share your ideas. Free tea, coffee and cake.

Bell Lane Community Centre

Ackworth's Community Litter Picking

Saturdays 10th May, 12th July,
13th September & 8th November 2025

Come and get involved on your
community

Groups - Clubs - Families
Residents - Schools



Equipment & Refreshments
available

Community Litter Pick 8th March 2025

We were delighted to be joined by 20 volunteers who collected 15 bags of rubbish. Wonderful effort everyone!

There are lots more
Community Litter Picks planned throughout the year.

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Santa Day 2024



Once again the Ackworth Parish Councillors, staff and volunteers worked tirelessly to create Santa's magical Grotto for the families of the village. This years efforts certainly did not disappoint. Bell Lane Community Centre was decorated throughout with twinkling Christmas Trees, colourful baubles, wreaths and garlands, and it looked spectacular. During the two day event we welcomed nearly 300 excited children who visited Santa in his Grotto, took part in the festive crafts activity, and enjoyed looking around the crafts stalls for some last minute christmas gifts. The visitors were entertained by Mr John Martin who wowed them with his magic tricks and balloon modelling, they then refuelled in the Library with some tasty festive treats and warm drinks.

We'd like to say a massive Thank You to all the volunteers, Ackworth Community Library, crafts stall holders and to all the families who visited and made it into such special weekend.

Christmas Light Switch-On



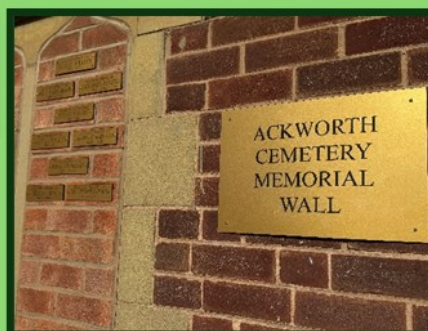
Our official start to the festive season and the village was out in force to enjoy 2024's Christmas Light Switch-on. This years Gala King, Ethan King turned on the lights and confidently led the Switch-On count-down and Rev Karen Young stepped up to deliver the sermon. The night was filled with carols and bright lights and was concluded with everyone enjoying a warm drink and mince pie in All Saints Church. Thank you to all who supported and enjoyed!



Memorial Wall



Plaques can now be purchased for the Memorial Wall at Ackworth Cemetery. These will be 7" by 2" and will be displayed on the Cemetery Building Wall. For further details please contact info@ackworthparishcouncil.gov.uk.



Pumpkin & Sunflower Planting with Brackenhill Allotment Association

Join us on **Saturday 26th April** at Brackenhill Allotments between 10am and 2pm. **Crafts, seed planting and refreshments.** Great event for the whole family

Free event



Beacon Lighting - 80th VE Anniversary
Thursday 8th May
Carr Bridge Playing Field



Your Parish Council's responsibilities. Introducing our new document which outlines the roles and responsibilities of Ackworth Parish Council and those of Wakefield Council. To report an issue to Wakefield Council call 0345 8 506 506 and to contact Ackworth Parish Council call 01977 611583.



* Ackworth Parish Council provide grounds maintenance at Low Ackworth, Carr Bridge, Brackenhill, Village Green, Bell Lane Community Centre and the Cemetery.

FAMILY FUN DAY

**Sunday 1st June
11am-3pm**

LOW ACKWORTH COMMUNITY CENTRE

FREE ENTRY

JOIN US FOR LOTS OF FUN!

- bouncy castle •
- Yorkshire Craft Beers Bar •
- miniature train rides •
- BBQ • Tuck Shop • Ice Cream •
- market stalls •
- activity stalls •
- and much more!

For more information visit:
www.facebook.com/lowackworthcommunitycentre

Sponsor a Hanging Basket

Did you know that you can now sponsor one of the village's hanging baskets.

These are available to residents and local businesses of Ackworth.

This includes an engraved plaque mounted above the basket.

Any enquiries please contact
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Volunteers - we'd like to give a massive shoutout to all the volunteers who support our village. From our dedicated Litter Fairies to our committed Sports leads, from our community gardeners to our hands on handymen and women. We are forever grateful for your support in keeping the village going with your generosity and hard work.

Ackworth Community Library - A Community Hub



Ackworth Community Library is a hub which serves the community, young, old and in-between. We have a huge variety of books to suit all tastes, IT facilities for your computer use, photocopying, laminating and printing. We are a space for the whole family, with a dedicated children's section, with books, toys, storytime sessions and crafts. Friday Coffee Mornings are a huge highlight, with delicious homemade bakes and a warm friendly and welcoming space to socialise. We look forward to seeing you soon!

What we do... Books and ...

Coffee Mornings & refreshments



Storytime for toddlers



Readers group & young adults book club



Toys & games



Crafts & holiday activities



Computers Printing & photocopying



Jigsaws for sale



How Can You Help.... We are a community library; a charitable trust, not owned or supported by WMDC. All our funds are generated from grant applications, fundraising and by selling cakes, cuppas, second hand books and jigsaws. It cost £33,000 to run the library per year, and any help you could give us would be greatly appreciated.

Call: 01977617625 or email : info@ackworthcommunitylibrary.org.uk
If you are able to support us in any way - Sponsorship, fundraising or with donations of funds or books. **Thank you!**

You can now donate monthly by Direct Debit via our Just Giving Page



Links to our Facebook and Website.



Great News!

CIL Thank you to all who submitted proposals for the allocation of the remaining Community Infrastructure Levy fund, after much review and consideration, the full unallocated amount, totalling £32,385.40, has been allocated towards the replacement of the community centre in Low Ackworth as it was decided that this project would achieve the biggest reach and benefit to the residents of Ackworth.

NEIGHBOURHOOD
POLICING TEAMS

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PACT (Police & Communities Together) Meetings
Ward 1 - Ackworth, North Elmsall & Upton

Ackworth
18/07/2025
10/10/2025

Upton
29/08/2025
21/11/2025

These meetings will take place at
Bell Lane Community Centre, Ackworth &
Upton Village Hall 10.30 - 11.30am

www.westyorkshire.police.uk



Donations - Every year we donate any surplus selection boxes from Santa Day to local good causes, who support families in Ackworth. This year two food banks were selected. Pontefract Food Bank and Hemsworth Food Pantry. We were delighted to support two worthy causes who work tirelessly supporting families in the local area.



Rooms to Hire

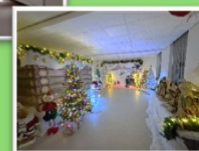
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Bell Lane Community Centre



Situated on Bell Lane our community centre provides a valuable space to many groups, clubs, organisations and is perfect for parties. The centre has 3 rentable spaces all furnished ready for use. The **Function Room** is our largest space and is ideal for children's parties, fitness classes and groups. The **Council and Multi Function Rooms** are spacious and airy spaces and provide a great base for groups, classes and clubs. All spaces are fully accessible and have access to a kitchenette.



Carr Bridge Pavilion

The community room is perfect small groups, parties and meetings, ideally located next to Carr Bridge Playing Field.



Brackenhill Community Room

This centre is ideal for regular courses and small groups or as office space with perfect access to the park, allotments and playing fields.



Coming soon



Ackworth Quarries Community Centre An amazing versatile community space.

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	
Bloom Wakefield 10.00 - 12.00	Legs, Bums & Tums 9.00 - 10.00	Parents and Toddlers 9.30 - 11.00	Ackworth Slimmer's Support Group 9.15 - 10.15	North Star Pilates 9.15 - 10.15	Dance Works Various classes	Ackworth Community Church 10.00 - 12.00	
Storytime Adventures 10.00 - 11.30	Pilates 10.00 - 11am		Hugge Yoga 10.30 - 11.30				
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 Book Club - Every 3rd Monday of the month	Painting for pleasure 10.00 - 12.00	Painting for pleasure 10.00 - 12.00	Pilates BodySculpt 17.45 - 18.45	Boogie Baby - Tots 09.30 - 10.30	Dog Training Classes 14.00	Available	
		Ackworth Line Dancing 13.00 - 15.00	Dance Works 17.00 - 18.30		<div>Available for party bookings</div>		
	Chair Exercises 11.00 - 12.00		Sound Healing Adventure 3rd Thursday of the month 19.30 - 20.30	Cozy Koala Sling Library 13.00 - 15.00		<div>Contact the office for further details</div>	
	Yoga 13.30 - 15.00	1st Ackworth Rainbows 17.30 - 18.30	Ackworth Harmony 19.15 - 20.45	Wakefield Carers 3rd Friday of the month 13.30 - 15.00			Ackworth Community Church 18.00 - 19.15
	Ackworth Drop-in 4th Tuesday of the month 13.00 - 15.00		Ackworth Needles & Pins 19.00 - 21.00	Yorkshire Country Women 1st Thursday of the month 19.30 - 21.30			GKR Karate 18.00 - 19.00
	Yoga 19.00 - 20.30	Board Games 19.00 - 21.00 every other Wednesday		Heritage Group 4th Thursday of the month - 19.30		<div>Ackworth Parish Council</div> <div>Office opening hours Monday 10 - 12pm Tuesday 10 - 1pm Wednesday 10 - 12pm Thursday Closed Friday 10-1pm</div>	
	Ackworth Scouts Squirrels 17.00 - 18.00						
Ackworth Choir 19.00 - 21.00	Ukulele 19.00 - 21.00	<div>If you are interested in booking a room please contact the office on info@ackworthparishcouncil.gov.uk</div>					
Blue - Sessions must be booked			Green - Drop in				

