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Welcome to our Spring/Summer 2026 Newsletter

Spring and summer bring longer days, brighter weather, and more opportunities to enjoy time outdoors.

After a winter of well-attended community events, we're now looking ahead to an exciting season of activities. We were delighted to see such a fantastic turnout at our recent sunflower and pumpkin planting event at Brackenhill Allotments. It was lovely to welcome so many families, along with some of the new allotment association committee members.

Planning is already underway for this year's Gala, always a highlight of the village calendar. We have a great line-up of stallholders and entertainment planned, so be sure to save the date, Saturday 27th June, 12-4pm.

If you're interested in hosting a community stall at the Gala, please email projectsmanager@ackworthparishcouncil.gov.uk for more information.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Could you spare a little time and help make a real difference in our community?

Ackworth Parish Council, together with local groups, are looking for volunteers to support a range of activities throughout the year.

There's something to suit everyone.

No special skills are needed — just enthusiasm and a willingness to help.

Volunteering has many benefits, from improving mental wellbeing and reducing stress to building social connections and gaining a sense of fulfilment by giving back to your local community. It can also be a great way to involve children and enjoy volunteering together as a family, or to support young people completing their Duke of Edinburgh Award.

A handful of Ackworth Community groups and charities, that welcome volunteers, kindly gave up their time to attend this year's Community Parish Assembly and coffee morning, to tell the audience a little about themselves and the positive impact they have on our community. The groups represented were Bell Lane School, Ackworth Squirrels, the Litter Fairies, Yorkshire Air Ambulance, Brackenhill Allotments Association, Ackworth Brownies, Ackworth Community Library, Ackworth Community Church and the Royal British Legion.



To find out more information, please contact: volunteering@ackworthparishcouncil.gov.uk



UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

Ackworth Gala	27th June
Macmillan Coffee Morning	25th September
Pumpkin Weigh-In!	9th October
Community Safety Coffee Morning	14th November
Santa Day & Craft Fair	5th & 6th December

Keep an eye on our Facebook page for updates on our events.

Wakefield Council Culture Grant

Earlier this year, we successfully secured funding from Wakefield Council to deliver a programme of adult, family and school lino printing and mosaic art workshops. The workshops were a huge success, with all sessions reaching full capacity.

Mosaic workshops were held at three of Ackworth's primary schools. Key Stage 2 students from Howard, Mill Dam and Bell Lane Primary Schools each completed a two-hour session. Artist Christine Burdin worked with the children to create a beautiful mosaic of their school. Lino printing workshops were delivered by artist Abi Forester, who worked with participants to produce a range of unique prints.

The aim of the project was to engage village residents and create a series of artworks inspired by the heritage and community of Ackworth.

The completed pieces will be exhibited in Parish Council buildings, where they will not only decorate the spaces but also help strengthen residents' connection to these community buildings.



Spring Sunflower & Pumpkin Planting Event

The sun was shining for the annual sunflower and pumpkin seed planting. It was wonderful to see families getting involved and having fun. Thank you to the new allotment association committee members that helped on the day.

We're looking forward to seeing the outcome at the pumpkin weigh-in later this year at Brackenhill Allotments - 9th October 2026



Ackworth Quarries Community Centre Update

Earlier this year, the legal handover of the new Ackworth Quarries Community Centre and car park was officially completed. Since then, the team has been working hard behind the scenes to prepare the building for community use ahead of opening for bookings.

Ackworth Community Church and Ackworth Brownies have already enjoyed a few test sessions in the building, helping us gather valuable feedback. We look forward to opening the centre for bookings later this year.



The what3words location to the centre are [///solid.boxer.snuck](https://www.what3words.com/#!/solid.boxer.snuck)

Phase 2 of the handover coming soon! Follow us on Facebook for updates.



Santa Day & Craft Fair 2025

Last year's event was bigger, better and more established than ever before. It was a truly magical weekend, filled with happy faces. Families who walked through the door enjoyed a joyous experience.

The centre was beautifully decorated with twinkling lights, trees and garlands, ready to welcome our younger residents. Santa's Grotto was filled with stunning decorations, creating a wonderfully magical setting for children to meet Santa.

There were more craft stalls than in previous years, enabling us to open two rooms filled with local crafters. Sixteen stalls across both days – some with double pitches – filled the rooms and created a bustling, festive atmosphere.

Any surplus Santa Day perishables were donated to Pontefract Food Bank, who were extremely grateful. These items were added to the Christmas hampers they deliver to local families.



Ackworth Community Library

This year's Book-Nic will be held on the 4th August 12-3pm - Location TBC. Bring your picnic and a blanket and join us for a story.

Find us at:
Badsworth Gala - 20th June
Ackworth Gala - 27th June

We're excited to be hosting a Live Musical Storytime with Lucy & Jonny Violin + Cello Duo on 12th August. This is a free event but booking is essential. Tickets are available from the Library.

Come to to Library for more than just books...

Coffee Mornings & refreshments



Storytime for toddlers



Computers Printing & photocopying



Jigsaws for sale



Lego Club



Crafts & holiday activities



Toys & games



Readers group

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.



Ackworth Cemetery Memorial Wall



Size: 7" by 2" Location: Cemetery Building Wall

Please see the example below:

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
FRED JONES
1929 - 1979

The memorial wall is a loving gesture to those that have passed but are not forgotten. The plaques represent loved ones that hold a strong place in your heart and the cemetery can provide you with a calm place to visit when you want to feel close to them. Somewhere you can visit and reflect on special memories. For more information about the memorial wall plaques, please contact: info@ackworthparishcouncil.gov.uk.

Your Parish Councils 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.

Wakefield Council working for you

Ackworth Parish Council

YOUR LOCAL COUNCIL RESPONSIBILITIES

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

Ask the Clerk

Your Parish Council – Your Questions
Concerns? Queries? Heard or Read something and want Clarity? We're here to help

'Ask the Clerk' and I will be happy to provide accurate information, answering any questions you may have.

clerk@ackworthparishcouncil.gov.uk
01977 611583
in person - by appointment

To stay up to date with village news, events, and room hire rates, and to find information about our cemetery, allotments, and all other enquiries, please visit our website.

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Bell Lane Community Centre is a registered Safe Zone. Safe Zones are places across the Wakefield district that are able to provide a place of support to contact a family member, friend or carer if someone is feeling unsafe. Safety Zones are located across the whole district, look out for a Safe Zone badge or lanyard. Find your nearest Safe Zone by visiting www.wakefield.gov.uk/safezone

Bell Lane Community Centre 01977 611583 info@ackworthparishcouncil.gov.uk						
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
Bloom Wakefield - Morning Session	Legs, Bums & Turns 09:00-10:00	Parents and Toddlers 09:30-11:00	Ackworth Slimmer's Support 09:30-10:30	North Star Pilates 09:15-10:15	Dance Works Various Classes	Ackworth Community Church 10:00-12:00
	Painting for pleasure 10:00-12:00	Painting for pleasure 10:00-12:00	Hygge Yoga 10:30-11:30	Joy Baby Classes 10:15-12:00	<p>★</p> <p>Available for party bookings Contact info@ackworthparishcouncil.gov.uk for further information</p> <p>★</p>	
(Starting June 4th) Move It or Lose It 11:00-12:00		Mindful Makers 13:00-15:00	(Starting June 4th) Move It or Lose It 11:00-12:00			
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	Yoga 13:30-15:00	Ackworth Line Dancing 13:00-15:00	Dance Works 16:30-18:29	Wakefield Carers 3rd Friday of the month 13.30-15.00		
		Inspire To Change 17:00-20:00	Beyond Healing 19:15-20:15			
	Ackworth Drop-In 4th Tuesday of the month 13:00-15:00	1st Ackworth Rainbows 17.30-18.30	Sound Healing Adventure 3rd Thursday of the month 19:00-20:00			
	Ackworth Scouts Squirrels 17:00-18:00	Physio-led Pilates 17:45-18:45	Yorkshire Country Women 1st Thursday of the month 19:30-21:30	<p>Ackworth Parish Council Opening Hours Monday 10am-12pm Tuesday 10am - 1pm Wednesday 10am - 12pm Thursday CLOSED Friday 10am-1pm</p>		Ackworth Community Church 18:00-19:15
Ackworth Choir 19:00-21:00	Yoga 19:00-20:30	Ackworth Needles & Pins 19:00-21:00	Heritage Group 4th Thursday of the month 19:30			Spiritualist Church 18:00-20:00
	Ukulele 19:00-21:00	Board Games Every other Wednesday 19:00-21:00	<p>Rooms for hire - We have 3 rooms to hire at Bell Lane Community Centre. There is also a small room at Carr Bridge and Brackenhill Centre that can be hired out for smaller events/groups. Please contact the office on info@ackworthparishcouncil.gov.uk</p>			
Amy's Canine Coaching - Usually a 6 week course which takes place on an evening once a week and 1 Saturday in each block						
Blue - Sessions must be booked			Green - Drop in			