



Sprotbrough & Cusworth Parish Council News

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Winter 2022

WARM WELCOMES AND FESTIVE FAMILY FUN

CHRISTMAS is coming fast, and there's a lot happening that we want to tell you about.

Community Hot Spots

Last month we joined local partners in launching the Community Hot Spots initiative, supporting people through the long, cold winter months. **Until 24 March 2023**, everyone can be sure of a warm welcome, friendly chat, and free hot drinks and cakes at the following venues:

Monday:	Goldsmith Centre, 259 Sprotbrough Road,	10-2pm
Tuesday	Sprotbrough Library, Sprotbrough Road,	10-2pm
Wednesday:	Sprotbrough Methodist Church, Park Drive,	10-2pm
Thursday:	Goldsmith Centre, 259, Sprotbrough Road,	10-2pm
Friday:	St Mary's Church, The Stables, Main Street, Sprotbrough,	10-2pm
Friday:	Scawsby Community Centre, Barnsley Road,	10-2pm



Christmas Market:

Goldsmith Centre, Sprotbrough Road, Saturday 17 December 12-8pm and Sunday 18 December, 2022 10-6pm

The Goldsmith Centre will host its first ice rink as part of a Christmas Festival organised jointly with our friend Jade Dickinson. There will be seven sessions on the rink each day, with 30 skaters each time. Sessions are 1-7pm Saturday and 11-5pm Sunday.

There won't be a set entry price - just a suggested donation of **£5** for adults and **£2.50** for children under 16. Please pre-book by calling **01302 788093**

There will be skate aids for the children and a special ice chair for disabled people and snow globes that youngsters can have fun inside.

Santa will be in his grotto in a marquee in the Goldsmith Centre grounds from 2-4pm on the Saturday and 12-2pm on Sunday. No charge, just a suggested donation of £1 per child - no pre-booking required.

There will also be live music, entertainment and refreshments each day, to make it a fun weekend for all the family. Keep an eye out for more details on local social media nearer the date.

The parish council has chosen Firefly Cancer Awareness and Support to be the charity we're supporting in 2022 and proceeds from the Christmas Festival will be added to the £1,500 we raised at our Summer Festival. Parish Chair Cllr Tony Nicholson and Jade Dickinson are pictured handing over the cheque here.



Dick Whittington pantomime:

Goldsmith Centre, Monday 19 December, 12pm and 3pm

Our friends from **Doncaster's TaleGate Theatre** are back with what promises to be a festive feast, with jokes and japes for all the family.

As we went to press, all the tickets for each performance had **SOLD OUT**, but we've already booked them for Easter and Christmas panto's in 2023, so watch out for ticket sales announcements on our social media sites next year.

WISHING YOU A VERY MERRY XMAS

AND A HAPPY AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR



Merry Christmas

Happy New Year

BAGGING A SCARY HALLOWEEN CLEAN

DON Gorge Community Group (DGCG) volunteers donned scary masks as they supported Keep Britain Tidy's 'HallowClean' campaign with a litter pick near the canal and river - filling 10 bags of rubbish and recovering other fly tipped materials.

The DGCG members carry out regular conservation work in the Don Gorge and the parish council has this year supported their work with a grant towards the cost of their annual insurance. (See page 4)



LIKE to do a litter pick where you live?

Ring the parish council office on **01302 788093** and we can provide equipment and other materials to help you.



Oh yes, they are!

OUR friends at Doncaster-based **TaleGate Theatre** made a return visit to stage their spooky Halloween production, *The Panto Zone*, to a packed Goldsmith Centre.

After the session the wacky team of players posed for photos with local youngsters from out of the audience.

ALL ABOUT ANDY'S MAN CLUB

ANDY'S Man Club is a registered charity that wants to eliminate the stigma surrounding mental health, creating a confidential space where men can be open about the storms in their lives.

It meets every Monday, 7pm - 9pm - except bank holidays - at Doncaster's Hilton Garden Inn, next to Doncaster Racecourse on Leger Way. It's there for any man aged over 18, providing peer to peer support in a non-judgemental environment.

You just turn up a few minutes before 7 so you are there for the start. There is no pressure to talk, you can come along, grab a brew, listen and see how it works. For more information visit: <https://andysmanclub.co.uk/club-information/clubs/>



#ITSOKAYTOTALK



SUBSIDISED WATER SAVER BACK ON

FOLLOWING the trial launch last summer of our subsidised water butts' campaign, parish councillors have agreed a £500 budget to repeat the scheme this winter.

Sprotbrough gardener Joe Hawkins - pictured - was one of the first residents to order one as part of the parish council's response to the climate change emergency.

Two sizes of water butt are available - 250 litres (£25) and a smaller 100 litres (£20). Ring our office **01302 788093** or email sprotcuspc@btconnect.com to place your order.

Remembering the fallen

PARISH Chair Cllr Tony Nicholson laid a wreath on behalf of Sprotbrough & Cusworth Parish Council at St Mary's Church on Remembrance Sunday.



BRIEFLY

- **SWITCHED ON** - look out for the Xmas trees lights, which as this newsletter was going to press were due to be switched on at Main Street, Sprotbrough; Scawsby Community Centre; and the Goldsmith Centre.
- **REPORT IT** - some illegal quad bike riding is taking place in the parish. If you see it please report it via **101**, or the South Yorkshire Police Off Road Bike Team using their portal: smartcontact.southyorkshire.police.uk/report/nuisance-motorbikesvehicles/ They are trying to build up a picture of where illegal activity is taking place.
- **BIN HELP?** - if you or a family member cannot put your bins outside your property because of disability or ill health, Doncaster Council can help through their 'pull out service'. Ring **01302 736000** for more information.

Our 'Spick and span' team

MEET the key 'behind the scenes' team that keeps our parish council buildings, play areas and open spaces clean and tidy. Thanks for doing a great job.

L-R **Jim Latham**, Site Supervisor, Goldsmith Centre/New Lane;

Sue Timmins, Site Supervisor, Goldsmith Centre;

Kerry Wood, Site Caretaker, Anchorage Lane Park;

Steve Hutchinson, Site Caretaker, Newlands Park and Relief Site Supervisor, Goldsmith Centre/New Lane Park.



Friends of Cusworth Park

THE Friends of Cusworth Park is a community group formed 16 years ago to support the historic park on our doorstep. They have an interesting programme of talks, outings, events and fundraising activities. And if you are more energetic, you can volunteer to help with practical work in the park and learn new skills.

The Friends have raised funds for an environmental education centre, nature trail and new paths as well as heritage varieties of fruit trees for the orchard and bird and bat boxes.

Cusworth Hall is a Grade 1 listed building set in a Grade 2 registered park designed for the then owner William Wrightson. The park was laid out by Richard Woods between 1760 and 1766 and features hanging lawns, lakes, woods and pleasure grounds. New Friends are always welcome. Annual family membership is £8; Individual £5; Concessions £3; Young Friends £2 and Patron £25. Ring 01302 782342 for more information.

Climate Change Action Plan

OUR Parish Clerk, Emma Garner, was a key speaker at the South Yorkshire Climate Action Alliance conference in Doncaster, where she explained the various elements of the parish council's Climate Change Action Plan.

The conference, which was also attended by Cllrs Tony Nicholson, Angela Curtis and Cynthia Ransome, took place at Doncaster Unitarian & Free Christian Church.

The Climate Change Working Group of parish councillors has developed the Plan, which has five sections - with sub-objectives - covering Community Engagement; Energy; Economy, Housing and Waste; Transport; and Food and Land.



You can read the full Plan on our website at:

<https://www.sprotbroughandcusworthparishcouncil.gov.uk/climate-change.html>

Objective 5.1 of our Climate Change Action Plan is to offset carbon emissions by planting more trees in suitable areas.

Caretaker Kerry Wood is pictured planting a mixed line of Rowan, Silver Birch and Wild Cherry saplings at New Lane as part of that pledge.

We have also installed recycling bins at the Goldsmith Centre, in line with Objective 3.1 of the plan, and have already completed other action points.



Funding approved for new play park at Scawsby

SCAWSBY youngsters are set to get a new play park in March 2023 - thanks to a **£74,904** grant from FCC Communities Foundation.

The money will be used to renew the existing play park at Barnsley Road Playing Fields with new safety surfaces and challenging and interesting play equipment, suitable for all ages and abilities.

Cllr Pat Haith who sits on Sprotbrough & Cusworth Parish Council and is Chair of Brodsworth Parish Council believes the facility will make a huge difference to the lives of people living in the area. Cllr Haith said: "This project will provide a real boost to the people of Scawsby. It's fantastic that FCC Communities Foundation has awarded us this money and we're really looking forward to our Play Park taking shape over the next few months."

Part of the Sprotbrough & Cusworth Parish Council boundary lies within Scawsby, and Scawsby Community Centre, which sits next to the park is jointly owned by our parish council and Brodsworth Parish Council.

Doncaster Council and Brodsworth Parish Council Cllr Leanne Hemsall is Chair of the Scawsby Community Centre's Joint Management Committee. She said: "With our exciting plans to create a better park offer, we seized the opportunity to have a much more inclusive space. For children with special needs and disabilities it is important to develop self-esteem and confidence, enabling children and families to take on new challenges, experience the great outdoors together and ultimately achieve fundamental skills for life."

FCC Communities Foundation is a not-for-profit business that awards grants for community projects through the Landfill Communities Fund. Spokesperson, Penny Horne, says: "We're delighted to be supporting the Barnsley Road Play Park project and pleased our funding will provide such a fantastic facility for children and young families within the area. FCC Communities Foundation is always happy to consider grant applications for projects that make a difference to local communities and we're really looking forward to seeing this one take shape soon."

Grants for local groups

PARISH councillors have awarded 'Section 137' grants worth nearly **£3,650** to these local community groups:

Cusworth Park Run.....	£300
Sprotbrough Scarecrow Festival.....	£300
Sprotbrough Music Society.....	£500
Don Gorge Community Group.....	£191
Friends of Barnsley Road Playing Field - Jubilee Gardens.....	£500
17th Doncaster Brownies.....	£500
54th Doncaster Rainbows.....	£500
National Childbirth Trust breakfast club at the Goldsmith Centre.....	£350
Sprotbrough Crusaders girls' football team.....	£500

Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 enables local councils like ours to spend a limited amount of money for purposes which they have no other specific statutory expenditure.

If your group needs a financial helping hand, check out your eligibility for receiving a grant by visiting:

<https://www.sprotbroughandcusworthparishcouncil.gov.uk/grants.html>

Pictures from the park runners, Sprotbrough Music Society and Jubilee Gardens.



● AS we went to press, contractors were busy creating, thanks to National Lottery Funding, the Jubilee Gardens project for the Friends of Barnsley Road Playing Field.

An unsightly scrub area is being landscaped with the addition of sensory equipment, benches and picnic tables. Longer term, interactive activity panels for children to explore are on a planned wish list.

Future meetings of Sprotbrough & Cusworth Parish Council

You are very welcome to attend

Date	Venue
21st December 2022.....	Goldsmith Centre, Sprotbrough Rd, DN5 8BP
19th January 2023.....	Scawsby Community Centre, Barnsley Road, DN5 8QQ
16th February 2023.....	Scawsby Community Centre, Barnsley Road, DN5 8QQ
16th March 2023.....	Scawsby Community Centre, Barnsley Road, DN5 8QQ
20th April 2023.....	Scawsby Community Centre, Barnsley Road, DN5 8QQ
18th May 2023.....	Scawsby Community Centre, Barnsley Road, DN5 8QQ

Meetings start at **7pm** unless specified in the agenda for the meeting.

The Annual Meeting of Electors will take place at 6.30pm on 20th April 2023 at Scawsby Community Centre, Barnsley Road.

Further information, including documents relating to each monthly meeting, can be found on our website: www.sprotbroughandcusworthparishcouncil.gov.uk

Follow us on Facebook and Twitter to keep in touch with our activities.



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