
Hampsthwaite Parish Council



Dear Resident,

Autumn 2023

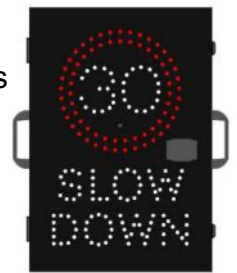
The Parish Council feel it is very important that villagers are kept informed about major news items affecting our village. Parish Council minutes are put on our Parish Council website, but these Newsletters are an attempt to make sure everyone is aware of important general news about events in our village.

COUNCILLOR VACANCY

Hampsthwaite Parish Council currently has one vacancy, which may be filled by co-option. Meetings are held at the Village Room between 7.30pm and 9.00pm on the second Tuesday of every other month - i.e. 6 meetings per year. Any resident who feels able to make such a contribution should email the PC Clerk for details : clerk@hampsthwaite-pc.org.uk

TRAFFIC CALMING

As a result of recent welcome support from our local Councillor, the Parish Council is in a position to be able to purchase a Vehicle Activated speed sign. It is a condition of the purchase of such a sign that it must from time to time be moved to a new position. If you have a view on which type of sign should be purchased or where it should be used, and also if you are prepared to be one of the volunteers who will reposition the sign, please contact the PC Clerk : clerk@hampsthwaite-pc.org.uk



HAMPSTHWAITE BRIDGE

Our Grade II listed bridge, initially constructed in 1598 and rebuilt in 1640 with nineteenth century alterations to the parapet, was re-opened on 7th September this year after closure as a result of vehicle damage, causing considerable problems for residents. It beggars belief that someone should be using the bridge since the re-opening as shown. The bridge has once more been damaged. If you know who this is, would you **have a word with them please!**



A PLEA FOR HELP

Most residents will be here perhaps either because of their family roots or because they recognise Hampsthwaite as the lively and vibrant community it most certainly is : not too rural and not too urban - the Cinderella Village it has been called.

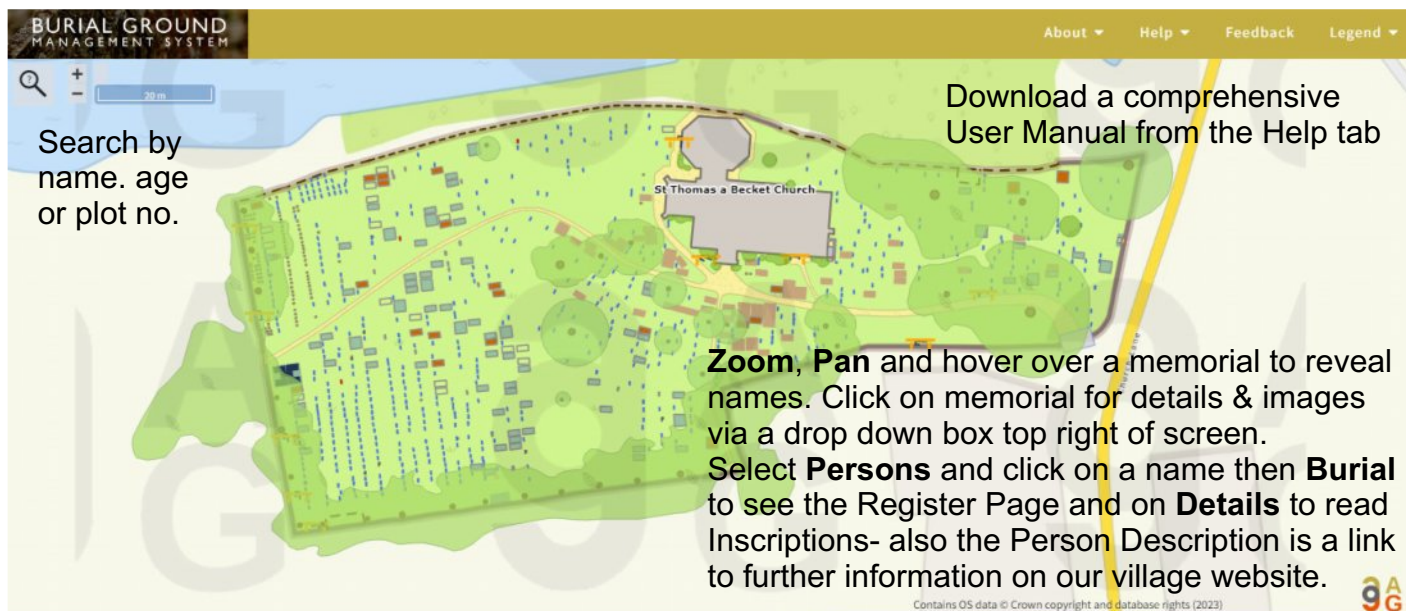
Hampsthwaite is a safe and excellent place to bring up children with its first class local school and play facilities. For older folk there is the widest range of activity groups to join and events such as our annual Hampsthwaite Feast or the many activities held at our Memorial Hall for example - see the the Events Calendar at <https://www.hampsthwaite.org.uk/memorialhall/524>

But many of these events and activities, the things which make our community what it is, are run and organised by even older folk all of whom are volunteers (*and some of them much older folk!*). They need your help so please respond positively to any requests for your support if you wish to keep these things going - and/or start new initiatives!

MAPPING HAMPSTHWAITE'S PAST

Residents may have seen others wandering around our churchyard with cameras, clipboards and, occasionally, even scrubbing brushes! Some have also been kind enough to compliment the PayBack Team on all the good work they are doing there to keep the grass trimmed so we can read the various inscriptions - some of which reveal both heart-rending stories and, in contrast, some very interesting uses of our English language!

This activity has made possible our completing the St Thomas a'Becket Burial Ground Project to the point where the work thus far can now be made public and viewed via the link on the village website or directly at <https://hampsthwaite.burialgrounds.co.uk/mapmanagement/#/>



A guided tour of the website will be the subject of the next Local History Group meeting on Thursday September 21st at the Memorial Hall starting 7.00pm - **ALL WELCOME**

MEMORIAL HALL

We await Planning Approval to create extra space to our Memorial Hall as described in the Spring Edition of this PC Newsletter. If approved, we will need full community backing to attract the grant monies which will be needed. Please respond positively to any future request for letters of support or to complete a survey - paper copies of such are already in the Memorial Hall Foyer.

MEMORIAL HALL EVENTS CALENDAR

This can be viewed at <https://www.hampsthwaite.org.uk/memorialhall/524>. It gives details of the wide range of events, activities and meetings organised at Hampsthwaite Memorial Hall - both by commercial enterprises and local groups or societies. Our Memorial Hall is required to be self-funding and this is its only source of regular income so please support as much as you feel able.

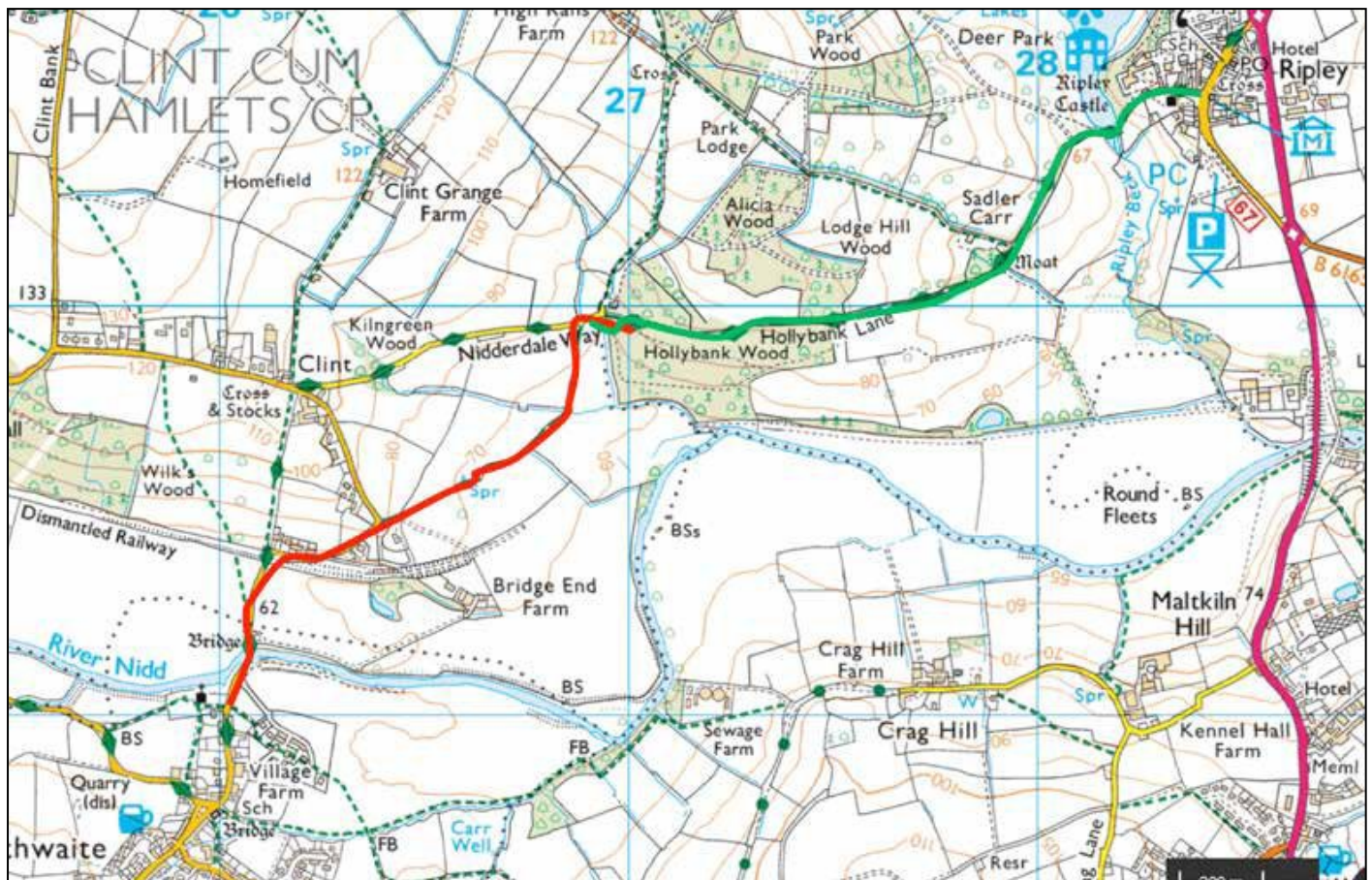
The Calendar is generated automatically by the Hallmaster online booking system. To hire use of the Hall, scroll down to check if your preferred date is available, and where a plus sign (+) is shown you may click on it to make your own provisional booking directly.

LOVINGLY MADE IN THE DALES

Set up in 2022 supporting local Artists and makers in The Dales. Each event helping different charities, December 1st 2022 we raised just under £900 for the RNLI and on 1st April 2023 we raised just over £500 for New Beginnings Peer Support. Our next event at the Memorial Hall in Hampsthwaite is 7th December. The charity is The Roddy Scott foundation (www.rodscottfoundation.org).



NIDDERDALE GREENWAY EXTENSION : HAMPSTHWAITE PATHFINDERS



There has been an ambition for at least 25 years to have a path – the Nidderdale Greenway Extension - from Harrogate through Nidderdale to Pateley Bridge and as far as Scar House Reservoir. The current Greenway opened in 2014 from Harrogate to Ripley and is very popular with walkers, cyclists, wheelchair users and horse riders of all ages and abilities. The Horseshoe Path offers a possible link to Hampsthwaite from Ripley via Holly Bank Lane, but is currently in a poor state of repair.

A Parish Council sub group - Hampsthwaite Pathfinders - held a stall at the village Feast in July, sharing a Sustrans feasibility study showing route options and outline costs. Over 40 residents expressed a keen interest in supporting the Extension proposal.

Sustrans is the national charity responsible for overseeing 12,000 miles of signed paths for walking and cycling (see <https://www.sustrans.org.uk/find-a-route-on-the-national-cycle-network/nidderdale-greenway-harrogate-to-ripley-cycle-route/>)

Hampsthwaite Parish Councillors support the Nidderdale Greenway Extension which offers great opportunities to link villages, communities and schools up and down Nidderdale with a traffic free path. We have seen how Ripley businesses have benefited from the existing Harrogate – Ripley Greenway and can see similar opportunities for Hampsthwaite and villages up the Dale. See the Hampsthwaite Village website at <https://www.hampsthwaite.org.uk/home/> to download a PDF of the full report

We are now asking local residents for your views through the survey overleaf.

The results will help us communicate our collective views to North Yorkshire Council, the Greenway Extension steering group and Sustrans. A similar survey is being carried out in Pateley Bridge.

Please complete the form overleaf, tear off, and **return it via Sophie's Corner Shop or Sophie's Coffee Shop**. An online version is also available on <https://forms.office.com/r/kLdjfF9hqF> or via the Hampsthwaite Village Websites.

Thank You

NIDDERDALE GREENWAY EXTENSION SURVEY

Contact Information:

Name: _____ Post Code: _____ Email: _____

Address*Optional _____

* Leave your email address if you are happy to receive further updates on this proposal

In the following questions please circle your answer.

Have you previously used the Nidderdale Greenway from Harrogate to Ripley?

A Yes B No

Have you previously heard about this Nidderdale Greenway Extension proposal linking Ripley and Nidderdale villages through to Pateley Bridge and Wath?

A Yes B No

Would you use a Greenway Extension for - - - (circle as many as you like):

A Walking B Running C Cycling D Wheelchair E Horse riding

Which village to village section of a Greenway Extension would you use?

E.g. Hampsthwaite to Birstwith; Darley to Dacre. Name as many as appropriate.?

Whether you would use it or not, on a scale of 0 to 10, where 0 is not in favour at all and 10 is very much in favour, how would you score your opinion regarding the Nidderdale Greenway extension?

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Why did you choose this score? (Optional)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

(see also the Events Calendar at <https://www.hampsthwaite.org.uk/memorialhall/524>)

- **Thurs Sept 21st** at Memorial Hall starting 7.00pm 'St. Thomas a'Becket Graveyard Project'
- **Sat Sept 23d** at Memorial Hall starting 9.00am 'Wednesday Group Nearly New Sale'
- **Sat Sept 30th** at Memorial Hall starting 7.45pm 'Film Night : The Lost King'
- **Thurs Oct 5th** at Memorial Hall starting 6.00pm 'Nidd Valley Group W.I. Quiz'
- **Sat Nov 18th** at Memorial Hall starting 10.00am 'Wi Wreath making course'
- **Sat Nov 25th** at Memorial Hall starting 7.00pm 'Fundraising Ceilidh'
- **Wed 29th Nov - Sat 2nd Dec** at Memorial Hall starting 7.00pm 'Pantomime : Puss in Boots'
- **Thurs Dec 7th** at Memorial Hall 6.00pm 'Lovingly Made In The Dales - Christmas Shopping'

Parish Council meetings are held normally on the second Tuesday of every other month starting at 7.30pm in the Village Room - all welcome!

If there any points you wish to raise from this letter please get in touch with any Councillor.

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