

Crakehall with Langthorne Parish Council (CwLPC)

Newsletter

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We have a vacancy for a new councillor

Firstly, we would like to thank John Wilson, who has recently resigned from the Parish Council, for his dedication and contribution to the Parish Council and the village for over 40 years.

If you are interested in becoming a parish councillor, but require more detail, please contact the Clerk. Alternatively, email or write to the Clerk and include a few details of why you would like to become a councillor.

Email: cwlpc.clerk@gmail.com or tel: 07715621433

The next Parish Council meeting is Tuesday 21st July at 7.30pm in Crakehall Village Hall – All Welcome.

The launch of the Crakehall Village Crew

This has already generated a fantastic response, with several residents expressing an interest in getting involved. It's encouraging to see our community coming together with a shared goal of keeping our village safe, tidy, and looking its very best. Every helping hand, no matter how much time you can spare, will make a real difference and help build an even stronger community spirit. Over the next few weeks, we'll be organising our first group volunteer sessions, where we'll tackle

some of the projects on the Village Jobs Board together. Whether you'd like to lend a hand with practical tasks, provide refreshments, take photographs, or simply be part of the team, there's a role for everyone. If you'd like to get involved or find out more, we'd love to hear from you. Please email cwlpc.ventham@gmail.com and help us make a positive difference to our village, working together we can achieve so much more.

Thank you to those that have already helped the village stay tidy and presentable. The footbridge is squeaky clean after its jet wash; some new daffodil bulbs have come up from last year and the flowers in the containers are a lovely floral addition. Also, the pinfold is looking lovely too, a nice place to sit and enjoy our beautiful village.



Crakehall's Chapel of Rest Bell Cote

For over ten years the Parish Council has been trying to find a way to restore and make safe the bell cote on Crakehall's Chapel of Rest.

Following the structure being surveyed with a drone, we have been able to ascertain the issues that need addressing. We can now share the good

news that we have appointed David France Stonemasonry Ltd from Darlington to undertake this work.



We secured some funding through our Ward Councillor, John Weighell from the North Yorkshire Locality Budget Fund and now look forward to having the structure both returned to its former glory and made safe.

Looking to the future, we would like to find a way to make use of this chapel and make it a part of village life. In the coming months we hope to open a conversation within the village to promote ideas and find volunteers to take this project forward.

Langthorne Village Green (LVG)

Whilst planning permission was granted for the conversation of the listed barn and construction of two new houses at Langthorne Hall on 22.10.25. The site cannot currently be accessed across LVG due to it being a Registered Village Green. To gain access across LVG, the Land Agent submitted an application to remove the Registered Village Green status of this part of the green.

This application (CA13 038) was made to the Commons Registration Authority (CRA), the government body who oversees Registered Village Greens. The grounds for this application were that this part of LVG was wrongly registered and proper procedure had not been followed.

The Parish Council, along with other organisations were asked to respond, after checking our historic records and asking for written responses from the parish, Crakehall with Langthorne Parish Council submitted evidence to the CRA, which supported our belief that due process had been followed 50 years ago.

The outcome of the consultation was that the Land Agent withdrew their application to deregister this part of LVG at the beginning of June.

It is important to reiterate that Crakehall with Langthorne Parish Council remain in favour of the listed barn at Langthorne Hall being converted into residential housing. However, the authority to deregister any village green does not lie with the Parish Council.

Dog Fouling

Dog fouling continues to be a problem in Crakehall and footpaths in the surrounding area. The latest fouling has been on the lower batts and in the cemetery. Thank you to all those dog owners who pick up after their dogs, however it appears a minority are still not picking up. Even on public rights of way through fields, not picking up after your dog is antisocial. The Parish Council has asked

North Yorkshire Council to provide an additional waste bin near the footpath sign on Ruddings Lane.

Crakehall with Langthorne Parish Council Web Site

The Parish Council is moving its website from Wix to HugoFox, a website provider who specialise in supporting Parish Councils to meet their legal obligations. This website will be for the Parish Council, including elements of village life. We are asking Parishioners for feedback and input on how the website should look, and importantly what it should include. First draft:

<https://www.hugofox.com/community/crakehall-with-langthorne-parish-council-21149/home/?preview=9172092129cd454e83224a22dee858e0&startCSS21149endCSS>

Please send any comments to the Clerk, Reece Williams, at cwlpc.clerk@gmail.com by 20 July 2026.

Mastil Lane Allotment



The Parish Council has now signed rental agreements with 2 parishioners for the Mastil Lane Allotment. A skip was hired by the Parish Council to

assist with the clearance and renovation of the site, which is now looking in much better condition and more like an allotment.

Crakehall Traffic Monitoring

The Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS) has been continuously in operation at the 3 sites in Crakehall (the A684 in Little Crakehall, Hackforth Road and the A684 Crakehall Green) in the period January – June 2026. The 85th Percentile speeds recorded of traffic passing the VAS sign during this period are 33 mph in Little Crakehall, 29.4 mph at the Hackforth Road and 31 mph at Crakehall Green. All these speeds are consistently below the 85th percentile speed of 35 mph whereby North Yorkshire Police would take action. The NYP Radar patrol visited Crakehall Green on Sunday 24th May from 1 – 2pm and 9 drivers will now be attending speed awareness courses.

Parishioners who have concerns regarding speeding in Crakehall or Langthorne can report these directly to North Yorkshire Police by submitting a Speed Concern Form via the North Yorkshire Police website www.northyorkshire.police.uk or specifically via this link

<https://www.northyorkshire.police.uk/advice/advice-and-information/wsi/watch-schemes-initiatives/community-speedwatch/community-speed-watch/>

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