

SHELLEY MAGAZINE



Welcome to.....

Events to look forward to in the coming weeks & information of your local trades men and women...

Welcome to Shelley Magazine 2026



REGULAR GROUPS IN SHELLEY				
YOUTH GROUPS	DAY	VENUE	TIME	CONTACT
Rainbows	Friday term time	Methodist Hall	5pm	www.girlguiding.org.uk
Brownies	Friday term time		6.15 - 7.45	
Guides			7.30 - 9.00	
Beavers (age 6-8)	Tuesday term time	Methodist Hall	6pm	
Cubs (8 - 10.5)	Tuesday term time	Village Hall	6pm	07812038724
Shelley Scouts	Tuesday term time	Methodist Hall	7pm	715858
Under 16 football	Various days	Storthes Hall		07756 10299
Under 13 cricket				602869
PRE-SCHOOL				
The Cabin HD8 Pre School and Out of School Club	Mon - Thursday	Cabin behind school	9am to 3.15pm	600519 info@the cabinhd8.co.uk
ADULT GROUPS				
Art Group	Tuesday	Village Hall	8 - 10pm	862083
Kirkburton District Probuus Group	1st and 3rd Thursday of the month	Village Hall	10am	862007
Bridge Club	Wednesday	Village Hall	7pm	608192
Community Association	2nd Monday of the month	Village Hall	7.30pm	07821 8876362
Sequence Dancing	Wednesday	Village Hall	2pm	615032
Over 60's	M,T,W,TH,F	Various	Various	Sandra 608214
Pilates	M,T,W,Th	Village Hall	Various	07980 110868
Reading Group	Monthly-ish			07887774057
Pierrot Players	Various	Various		07790 499502
Shelley Strollers	Tuesday		11am	Jane 862007
Cricket Club	Thurs & Sat			07891 704009
Ukelele Group	Monday	Village Hall	1.30-3pm	07884 210861
Gentle exercise and Well being	Monday	Village Hall	10.30-11.30	07737 688837
Zumba	Tuesday	Village Hall	10-11am	07713 510910
Friendship Café	1st and 3rd Friday of the month	Village Hall	2 - 4pm	07804417271
Village Hall Booking Secretary	Carol Rowatt	Bookings-shellevillagehall@outlook.com		07901 701868
Please check with the contact numbers above about the current situation regarding activities				
LIBRARY OPENING TIMES			Tel 01484 414868	
KIRKBURTON Mon 2 - 5 Tuesday 2 - 6 Wednesday 10 - 3 Friday 2 - 5 Saturday 10 - 12.30		SHEPLEY Monday 1 - 5 Thursday 10 - 1 and 2 - 5 Friday 2 - 5 and Sat 10 - 12		



**MAY 2026
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On May 7th, there will be an election for all the councillors on Kirklees Council. Unusually, every councillor is standing down, and here in Kirkburton ward we will elect three new councillors. Five parties – Conservatives, Greens, Labour, Liberal Democrats and Reform - each have three candidates and we each have three votes. Decisions made by the council impact all our lives. Your vote is important, please don't waste it.

One big concern for many Shelley residents is the condition of our road surfaces. Cyclists and motorists alike complain that the increasing number of potholes are not only a nuisance, but are also dangerous. Lobbying our local councillors is an effective way to ensure that the council can be pressured to act on our concerns. Councillors are elected to work for us locally; it's not a general election and voting for people who will work on OUR behalf would be a really good policy.

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SHELLEY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Shelley Community Association held its Annual Review on the 13th April. 24 people attended including Cllrs John Taylor and Bill Armer and Parish Cllr Maureen Sykes. Reports were given on progress through the past year from the Monthly Meeting, Village Hall, and the Treasurer presented the accounts. Reports were kindly given by SCEG and Shelley Magazine. Everyone was thanked for all the voluntary work they do making Shelley such a special place in which to live. Ann Priestman remains as Chair.

The meeting agreed to sponsor a Cricket Ball at Shelley Cricket Club as usual.

We were told by Cllr John Taylor that Beneficial Logs on Near Bank has finally received Planning Permission and work will begin on new units for starter businesses.



SHELLEY METHODIST CHURCH**Services for May 2026**

3rd - Christian Aid Service - 10.30am
 10th - Mrs K. Brook - 10.30am
 17th - Communion Service - Rev Thompson -
 10.30am
 24th - Mr P. Bussey - 10.30am
 31st - Circuit Service Dalton

Spring Fayre & Gift Day - March 7th 2026

Thanks to all who helped and supported our Spring Fayre at the beginning of March.

The event started with a performance by the Over60s Men's Choir who entertained us with a varied programme including a few notable hymn tunes. There were also a few numbers by the Shelley Belleplate Ringers who also accompanied Les Parker in a rendition of "Going Home" to the tune of Dvorak's Largo.

Afterwards there was a lovely meal provided by Janet Brook and her team of Sandra Berry, Elaine Johnstone and Cathy Swallow. Many thanks to them, the choir and all the stall holders on what was a successful and enjoyable day.

SHELLEY PARISH CHURCH**Services during May 2026**

1. 3rd Cumberworth 11.15am,
no service at Emmanuel
2. 10th Emmanuel Shelley 9.30am
3. 17th Methodist Church 10.30am
no service at Emmanuel
4. 24th Emmanuel Shelley 9.30am
5. 31st Emmanuel Shelley 9.30am

Wednesday 2.00pm 6th 20th a short service of Holy Communion at Emmanuel Church, followed by refreshments and a chat; everyone welcome. If you need a lift to the Wednesday services, please ring Carol Robertshaw

Service times correct at time of going to press. Check on church web site for up-to-date information:

www.emmanuelchurchshelley.co.uk

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Carol Robertshaw 01484 860657

Funerals

Stephen Hughes 01484 605755





PARLIAMENTARY REPORT

I am writing this following the Easter Bank Holiday Weekend, having joined a number of events across our area. You could really feel the impact of the sunshine and community spirit on people - even the grumpiest Yorkshiremen (my dad included) were smiling.

Last month, I was pleased to host a roundtable to discuss women's health issues. It was a deeply moving, constructive event, in which local women were able to speak about their experiences with the NHS, discussing issues getting diagnosed, treated, and being taken seriously by doctors. I am taking the findings of this event directly to the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care to help feed into the upcoming Women's Health Strategy.

I also had meetings with Deputy Mayor for Policing Alison Lowe and West Yorkshire Police Chief Constable Sir John Robins to discuss plans to use increased funding to improve neighbourhood policing and tackle anti-social behaviour, as well as the policing of speed limits and road safety across our area.

I was also pleased to see some positive announcements regarding bus services ahead of the roll out of the Weaver network. In collaboration with Google Maps, the Government is rolling out changes to give you live information on where your bus is and how long it will take to arrive at your stop, so you no longer have to just stand and hope the bus turns up. As increased funding starts to ensure buses are more reliable, changes like this will help local people actually be able to plan around bus services.

The past month has also been an exciting one in the Government's wider work for communities and areas like ours. As an MP, lengthy legislative procedures can be frustrating, slowing down the changes you were elected to make, but in April we saw many of our manifesto commitments become law.

Last month, we saw free breakfast clubs expand, wage increases for millions of people, increases in the state pension, improved rights to statutory sick pay, day one rights to paternity leave, and more parental rights to bereavement leave following the death of their partner.

We are also taking action to tackle unfair subscription costs. Too often, subscriptions can feel like a scam, with free trials rolling over with no warning, cancellation requiring lengthy

phone calls, and fine print in the contract locking you in for much longer than advertised.

We are changing this, introducing new laws to make it easier to cancel subscriptions and get refunds for unwanted auto-renewals. With around 10 million unwanted subscriptions currently active across the UK, this could save the average person nearly £170 a year.

From increased rights in the workplace, when renting, and when dealing with subscription companies, together, these changes will really help families with the cost of living.

As ever, if there are any issues that my team and I can help with, send me an email at jade.botteril.mp@parliament.uk and I will see what I can do.

Jade Botteril MP

KIRKLEES COUNCIL REPORT

Hello to all in Shelley.

Because of the elections on May 7th, Kirklees officers have been in Purdah for a few weeks. What this means is that, rightly, the council must avoid doing anything that could be construed as favouring one or another political party. Perhaps unfortunately, even though the council uses the slogan "business as usual" for the pre-election period it is anything but. Officers adopt a "safety first" approach which, in practice, means that they are very reluctant to respond to even the most innocuous queries from councillors. I understand their reasoning, but think this is too strict an interpretation. Given the combined effects of the upcoming elections and Purdah, there is little to report on the Kirklees Council front.

Due to population trends, and especially the building of new houses, the ward boundaries within Kirklees are reviewed periodically by the Electoral Commission, which is independent of the council. The aim is to ensure, as nearly as possible, that each electoral ward has a roughly similar number of voters but also sits within sensible geographic and political boundaries. These calculations will include likely new building in the coming years. Most wards will experience some degree of change (here in Kirkburton ward it is minimal, largely confined to incorporating Whitley), and it may be significant in parts of the Borough with old

wards disappearing and new ones springing into being. There will still be 23 wards though.

There are three councillors to each ward, giving a total of 69, and in the normal course of events Kirklees elections operate to a four-year cycle with each councillor serving a four-year term. In practice this means that a single councillor is elected in each of three consecutive years, with there being no election in the fourth, or “fallow”, year. The exception is when there have been significant changes to ward boundaries, as in this year, in which case all 69 seats are up for election. This is known as an “all-out” election, and the last one was in 2004 so they are not frequent.

On May 7th each elector will have up to 3 votes on the same paper, with each “X” having equal weight (you may, if you wish, vote for only one or two candidates, which seems a waste of votes, but must not vote for more). There will be a lot of work and pressure on the counting staff, but eventually we will have a list of successful candidates. In order to fit back into the four-year cycle, my understanding is that this year the one with most votes will serve a three-year term, the next two years and the third one year.

In accordance with the editorial policy of the Magazine, I avoid party political statements in my regular contributions. It is my understanding that this policy is relaxed a little at election time so, whilst not in any way wishing to tell you how to vote – the people of Shelley in my experience know their own minds – I would just like to make a couple of observations. I and my colleagues, John Taylor and Richard Smith, are all standing for re-election and are eager to continue serving you and your interests. I was first elected in 2014, John in 2015 and Richard in 2016 and, although we have always been in opposition to a Labour-led Administration in that time, have a wealth of experience of the workings of Kirklees Council to draw upon. We have concentrated on the needs of you our residents, the ward and of the Borough throughout, and have not been distracted by national or international events which are outside the remit of the Council. Our focus has been upon your needs.

The choice on May 7th is entirely yours.

With my best wishes to you all, Bill.
(Bill Armer, Ward and Parish Cllr, tel 01484 314314, email: bill@gmx.ca)

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

Once again I am banging the drum in the hope that our group leaders hear me? Have our local group leaders considered applying for a Parish Council grant to help support their group, if eligible? Your Parish Councillors would like to see all our local groups thrive rather than struggle. If you are eligible we look forward to seeing your application. The PC grants system is one aspect of being a councillor which we enjoy. Supporting local groups, who would otherwise struggle is a very worthy cause. Our closing dates for 2026–2027 applications are now on the PC website. The PC had a funding request from the Welcome Centre in Huddersfield, which obviously is not part of our Parish. It turned out that the Welcome Centre wanted your Parish Council to fund them and in turn they were going to donate those funds to the Denby Dale Centre! Under the Parish Council's rules on funding this will not be happening. Groups outside the Parish are not eligible to apply for Grant funding. This is not the first time, nor will it be the last I suspect, that out of Parish groups look for funding from the PC.

Speeding traffic, along with dog fouling, was reported at our April Parish Council meeting. A gentleman spoke of his frustration on both of these subjects, he was looking for help and advice from Parish Councillors, if only it were that simple. Speeding traffic is controlled by the police whilst dog fouling is controlled by the dog owner. The public can inform the authorities of speeding vehicles and dog fouling if they witness the act. We now have another anti-social behaviour act in and around our villages, off-road motorcycles and quad bikes churning up our woodland paths. Some motorcycles are unregistered and the riders will probably have no insurance. Be mindful when you are out walking these routes.

Ray Bray (PCllr)



SHELLEY OVER 60s – MAY 2026

Coffee Day - Tuesday 28th April 2026

Thanks to everyone who attended, donated prizes, bought a ticket or supported the event in any way in what proved to be another successful day. Thank you also to all who helped out on the day. The winning ticket numbers in the prize draw are available online at www.shelleyover60s.org.uk and on the Village Hall and Methodist Hall notice boards. They will also be included in the June Magazine. To collect your prize phone Carol on 07763149249 or call in with your ticket to one of our regular Thursday meetings.

Hanging Baskets - Far Bank in Bloom 2026

We are again looking to hang baskets on Far Bank and will be contacting sponsors in the coming weeks to see if they wish to participate this year. Anyone else or other groups interested in sponsoring a basket should please contact Gail on 07543180644 for more details.

On Tour 2026

Southport - Tuesday May 5th 2026
Leek & Mansfield - Wednesday May 20th 2026

Our trip programme will run from May to September. There will be a coastal trip on the first Tuesday of each month and a walking trip on the third Wednesday of the month. With a further rise in the cost of coach hire we will need to raise the price per trip to £16.00. Non-Members may also travel with us if there is space on any of the trips but at a cost of £18.00. Members are asked to pay for their trips in advance with a £2 surcharge should payment be made on the day. The first Tuesday trip is to Southport on May 5th. The first Wednesday trip is to Leek and Macclesfield on May 20th. To book or reserve a place subject to availability contact Ian on 01484 604419.

Local History Talk Wednesday May 6th 2026

Our second Local History Talk will be about the History of Lowther Castle . Meet at the Methodist Hall on Wednesday May 6th at 7.30pm. Contact Carol on 01484 603836 for more information.

Cycling Trip - Tuesday May 12th 2026

Our next cycling trip is on Tuesday May 12th. Contact Kevin on 07753790300 for details.

Gardening Talk - Wednesday May 27th 2026

Our next gardening talk will be on May 27th at the Methodist Hall at 7.00pm. Contact Carol on 07763149249.

Dates for the Diary

Thursday July 2nd - Anniversary BBQ followed by "Let's Sing Together"
Saturday October 3rd - Barn Dance
Saturday November 7th - Ritchie Penrose

O60s Minibus-Would you like to be a volunteer driver or assistant

On Thursdays we hire one of the Denby Dale Community minibuses to transport members to and from the Village Hall and on Fridays to take them to Morrison's. If you could help as an assistant on, or even drive one of these buses and would like to volunteer, then contact Peter on 07977772406.

Shelley Museum -

Summer Exhibition June 27th & 28th

This summer as well as Celebrating 10 years we are looking into the History of the Community Association and the opening of the Village Hall and are looking for people to share their the recollections of this time. Contact Carol on 01484 603836.

O60s Mini-bus Draw

The March mini-bus draw winning number was 404 . The May draw will take place on May 28th . Winning numbers can be accessed at www.shelleyover60s.org.uk/minibus-draw



SHEPLEY WI: APRIL 2026

Our March members' meeting saw us leaping (un)gracefully around the room silently mouthing, 'Single, single, double!' as we attempted to keep up with the Zumba routines led by the wonderfully vibrant and extremely patient Gina Wimpenny. The session provided a really good workout, and I wonder how many other members, like me, have since been tempted to start dancing in the supermarket aisles upon hearing the opening bars of Miley Cyrus's 'Flowers'!



Following on from our environmental display at Shepley Library in support of the Climate Coalition's 'Show the Love' campaign, we have recently funded the purchase of an Amelanchier tree for the gardens of Cliffe House. As well as looking beautiful, trees play an important role in removing harmful pollution from the air, whilst supplying clean oxygen.



The clubs have been busy over the last few weeks. Our walking groups enjoyed sunshine recently, with the Striders tackling a route

around Ramsden Reservoir, fortified by a coffee stop at The Fleece, Holme. Meanwhile, the Strollers took in the fresh air at Pugneys Country Park, accompanied by Neela the guide dog, followed by lunch at Emley Farm Shop café.

The Gardening Group weren't so lucky with the weather so held their most recent meeting indoors, swapping seeds, sharing gardening experiences and advice, all whilst sampling delicious home-made biscuits!

Also indoors, our Crafts and Crumbs session was well supported as usual, with members experimenting with leather marbling techniques, in addition to making cards and gift boxes.

At our next members' meeting, at 7.30pm on Wednesday, 20th May, we will be educated in the etiquette of afternoon tea by the self styled Victorian 'Baroness Bolsover', so dig out your fine China teacups and come and join us!

If you'd like to find out more about what we do, please contact Debra on 07773169535 or email Rosemary at rjandgeoff@tiscali.co.uk, have a look at our Instagram page @the_shepley_wi or just pop along to one of our meetings. You can attend up to three meetings each year as a visitor, paying £5 per meeting (which includes a cuppa, cake and a raffle ticket).

SHELLEY BOULES

Just a reminder that the boules court on the Rec is available for all to use.

A small group also meets every Wednesday during the season, weather permitting, at 14.00 onwards. It would be great to see some new faces. If you can't make a Wednesday then let us know your preferred days/times and we can hopefully cater to suit.

Contact us on shelleyvillagewebsite@gmail.com or text David on 07824351899 for more information





LETTERS

Having described myself in an earlier letter (January) as a 'Brummie', I would like to update my image.

Having lived for 30 years in the Midlands, we 'emigrated' to Yorkshire and have lived in Shelley for nearly 60 years. Being in a small community rather than a big city was a privilege and I have tried to make a contribution.

I was a founder member of the Community Association which converted the church school to the present Village Hall and served as secretary, chairman and treasurer

I was the first chairman of governors at the First School. I also played for the cricket club and was honoured to be president for a time.

Does this allow me to call myself a Shelley?

Len Hoare

I'm once again jumping on that predominant topic of British conversation; the weather. Long may it be so. After all, the weather is often a great 'ice breaker' to start conversation. That said, it is interesting how many people start a conversation or indeed, an article complaining about the weather.

In the late eighties I lived and worked in Australia, the Gold Coast to be specific. After seven months one of the few irrefutable reasons why I made the decision to return to England was the weather. I missed the frost, the smell of the mist and the fog, the showers and bracing breezes. Rest assured I'm not crazy.

The UK is blessed to have wonderful seasons. I feel qualified to say so, having been separated from them for seven months. We very much have clearly defined seasons, each one bringing its own splendour and palette of colours; different scents, a variety of sounds and different wildlife. Our seasons accommodate all. Furthermore, our seasons have been inspiration for great literary works. Let us consider 'Ode to Autumn' by John Keats, 'Wind' by Ted Hughes, and 'I Wondered Lonely as a Cloud' by William Wordsworth: the list is wonderfully endless. Of course it has been the inspiration for musical compositions, paintings, and much more.

I have such fond memories of the weather. Born in the early sixties with no central heating

I remember the frost ferns on the inside of my bedroom window. Also, the winters that brought us 'proper snow' and occupied the boys and girls in the street for hours.

I celebrate our weather as we all do, be it with a smile on our faces and in our hearts or in a reluctant way.

Trevor Flannery

Dear All,

Last year it was my misfortune to get a mole as a resident in one of my lawns. After a few weeks I managed to trap it, unfortunately my lawn resembled an AA road map (other maps are available) of West Yorkshire. However, now I find it is a home of multiple occupancy for mice who have decided to dig holes into the mole runs, everywhere. No-one ever told me that gardening could bring you so close to nature. Speaking of which, after our last Shelley Gardens I have managed to keep a border more or less weed free. Constantly hoeing the area has, for the moment, kept the weeds at bay. Although, I have had help from Bob as he is also turning the area over. The limited sunshine has kickstarted growth which in turn has increased trips to our local refuse tip. The lawns are growing fast as they were treated a few weeks ago. Hanging baskets and tubs have been cleaned out, and some plants purchased ready for planting. Isn't Spring a lovely time of year?

Speaking of Bob the Cat, recently there has been mention of vet fees being capped to make them more affordable. A written prescription from the vets is to be capped at £21 with practices having to publish their prices for services, UK's competition watchdog has said. In the UK, 2026 "Many Pets" study shows average vet consultations cost £61.99, varying from £44 to over £80 depending on location, with London being most expensive, as usual. Emergency, out-of-hours visits often cost £100–£300 or more, and complex surgeries can exceed £1,000. Due to rising costs, reforms are requiring vets to publish prices by late 2026. Veterinarian costs can be a life or death moment for some pets, depending on the owner's ability to pay.

Ray Bray

CELEBRATING 40 YEARS OF TRAVEL EXPERIENCE IN KIRKBURTON

This May, we at Travel Experience are incredibly proud to celebrate 40 years in business. As an independent travel agency based in the village of Kirkburton, just outside Huddersfield, reaching this milestone is a real achievement and one we are delighted to share with our customers and community. For four decades, we have loved turning holiday dreams into unforgettable memories.

Travel Experience was founded in 1986 and over the years we have seen the travel industry change beyond recognition. From paper tickets and shelves full of brochures to today's digital world, we have adapted at every stage. What has never changed however, is our commitment to putting our customers first and offering personal, knowledgeable advice.

One of the things we are most proud of is our exceptional team. Our Managing Director, Julie, has been with the business from the very beginning and has guided Travel Experience through four decades of change. Rebecca will celebrate an incredible 34 years with us this year, while Sharon has been part of the team for 33 years, with just a short break along the way to look after her young family. Ruth, our Manager, has been with Travel Experience for 19 years and plays a key role in the day-to-day running of the business.

Amanda and Cindy, who have both been with us for four years, bring fresh ideas and enthusiasm, while still sharing our focus on excellent customer service. Alison, who joined us over a year ago, completes the team and brings a wealth of travel industry experience that further strengthens what we can offer our customers.

Between us, we have decades of combined travel knowledge, and many of our customers have been booking their holidays with us for generations. That loyalty means everything to us. We know that people value being able to speak to someone they trust, who understands their preferences and can offer reassurance, especially when travel doesn't always go to plan.

Like many in our industry, we have faced challenging times over the years. However, thanks to the dedication of our team and the continued support of our customers, we have come through those challenges and remain a thriving independent business.

As we mark our 40th anniversary, we look to the future with excitement. While travel trends and technology will continue to evolve, our values remain unchanged. For us, Travel Experience has always been about people, relationships and creating holidays that truly matter.

Forty years on, Travel Experience is more than just a travel agency, it is a cornerstone of the Kirkburton community, built on trust, experience, and genuine care. This anniversary celebrates not only our years in business, but the journeys shared, the memories created and the many adventures still to come.

Join us in celebrating four decades of unforgettable journeys. Be part of our milestone anniversary and let us make your next adventure one to remember.

Please Note

**Sadly, Shelley Strollers
will no longer be strolling.
Please ignore the information
in the Regular groups section.**



KIRKBURTON HEALTH CENTRE

THE MAST PCN INT LEADING THE WAY WITH COMPLEX HOSPITAL DISCHARGES



Integrated Neighbourhood Teams (INTs) are multidisciplinary, collaborative groups bringing together health, social care, and voluntary sector professionals to deliver seamless, proactive, personalised care to local communities. They are a major government and NHS England initiative, designed to transform community health and care.

The MAST Primary Care Network launched its INT to improve support for patients following complex hospital discharge, on 2 July 2025.

The team is proud to have been nominated as the first accelerator site in Kirklees, leading the way with its innovative model. The model focuses on improving patient support after hospital discharge through weekly meetings uniting multidisciplinary professionals from general practice, hospital, community, social care, mental health, and rehabilitation services to ensure all aspects of care are addressed.

The INT acts as a single point of coordination to make sure patients with complex medical, social or rehabilitation needs can return home with the necessary care packages rather than staying unnecessarily in hospital or being discharged to a nursing home and reduces the likelihood of readmission.

Key benefits for the multidisciplinary team include a better understanding of what each team does, improved collaboration, better communication, and reduced duplication of work, allowing staff to focus on patient care.

Kate Pattinson, Advanced Nurse Practitioner and Clinical Lead for the INT said: "The model offers significant benefits for patients by coordinating services such as physiotherapy, occupational therapy, and social care early in the discharge process. Patients receive a seamless transition from hospital to home. We are incredibly proud of our progress."

SPRING HEALTH ADVICE COVID-19 SPRING BOOSTER CAMPAIGN –

13 April – 30 June 2026 Patients who are eligible will receive an invitation. This year, the campaign will focus on:

- o Adults aged 75 years and over
- o Individuals aged 6 months and over with a weakened immune system
- o Residents in care homes
- o If you are 74 years old, but turn 75 by 30 June, you don't have to wait for your birthday to come forward.

HAY FEVER Hay fever is usually worse between late March and September, especially when it is warm, humid and windy, as this is when the pollen count is at its highest.

Symptoms include:

- o Sneezing
- o A runny, or blocked nose
- o Itchy, red, or watery eyes
- o Headache and sinus pain
- o Fatigue

Top Tips

- o Check pollen forecasts and limit outdoor activities when counts are high
- o Shower and change clothes after being outdoors to remove allergens
- o Put petroleum jelly such as Vaseline around your nostrils to trap pollen
- o Consider over-the-counter antihistamines, nasal sprays or eye drops for symptom relief
- o Your community pharmacist can offer advice on how to treat hay fever.

Contact the practice if your symptoms are getting worse, or do not improve after taking medicines from the pharmacy or supermarket.

For more information visit

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/hay-fever/>

PATIENTS WHO DID NOT ATTEND APPOINTMENTS – JANUARY-MARCH 2026

Patients who fail to attend their appointments and do not inform us, incur significant costs to the Practice and to other patients in terms of lost appointments. If you do not need your appointment, or simply want to change it, call 01484 602040. Thank you for your co-operation.

	Total No. of Appointments	No. DNA	% DNA
JANUARY	1674	95	5.67
FEBRUARY	1109	88	8.00
MARCH	1299	92	7.1

SHEPLEY HEALTH CENTRE**Statins**

Everything you wanted to know but were afraid to ask

Statins are a class of medications that lower levels of low-density lipoprotein (LDL) cholesterol, often called “bad” cholesterol, in the blood. High LDL levels can lead to a build-up of plaque in the arteries, increasing the risk of heart attack and stroke.

Statins work by blocking an enzyme in the liver responsible for cholesterol production. As a result, the liver removes more LDL cholesterol from the bloodstream. Since the body produces most cholesterol overnight, statins are often taken in the evening or before bed.

Why should I take a statin if I'm offered one?

Cardiovascular disease is one of the leading causes of death worldwide. Lowering your cholesterol with a statin reduces your risk of developing serious complications.

They are commonly prescribed for people with conditions such as diabetes, high blood pressure, or chronic kidney disease, as well as those with other risk factors.

Statins only work while you are taking them, if you stop, your cholesterol levels are likely to return to previous levels.

What about the risks?

Statins are considered safe for most people. As with all medications, some people may experience side effects such as muscle aches, mild digestive issues, or raised liver enzymes.

There are several types of statin available, and treatment can be tailored to suit the individual patient.

Where can I get further information?

Speak to our clinical pharmacy team or visit the NHS website for more information: <https://www.nhs.uk/medicines/statins/>

Help us to help you

Quick tips to get the most from your GP Practice

Be prepared: Before your appointment, consider writing down your symptoms, what you're worried about, and what you'd like to discuss. Please let Reception know if you need to talk about more than one issue.

Be on time: Arriving late or being unavailable for a scheduled telephone appointment can affect other patients. Unfortunately, it may not

always be possible to see a clinician if you are late.

· **Cancel if needed:** If you can't attend your appointment, please let us know as soon as possible so it can be offered to another patient.

· **Use the NHS App or website:** If you're comfortable using a smartphone or computer, you can book or cancel appointments, order repeat prescriptions, and view test results online using the NHS App or NHS website.

· **Order repeat medicines on time:** Request your repeat prescriptions in good time so you don't run out, and only order what you need.

· **Join the Patient Participation Group (PPG):** Shepley Health Centre has a friendly patient group that provides feedback on our services and helps shape future improvements.

Welcome to Dr Rajarshi Bose

We are pleased to welcome Dr Rajarshi Bose, who joins us for his final placement before qualifying as a GP. Dr Bose brings many years of experience as a hospital doctor, as well as experience in other GP practices. He is available for consultations on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday.

He replaces Dr Clayton, who has now moved on to her next placement. We thank her for her contribution and wish her all the very best, she has been a valued member of the Shepley team.

Stay connected

Have your say – and stay informed

We work closely with our Patient Participation Group (PPG) to ensure our services reflect the needs of our community. Their feedback helps us improve how we deliver care and communicate with patients.

Recent feedback has highlighted interest in:

- Easier access to appointments
- More health and wellbeing information
- Regular updates about practice services

We are always keen to hear from more patients.



FULLY RECOVERED UPHOLSTERY: FIVE YEARS OF CARE, CRAFT AND COMMUNITY

In a small home workshop in Upper Cumberworth, furniture that has seen decades of family life is being carefully stripped back, repaired and given a new lease of life - not to erase its past, but to honour it. Fully Recovered Upholstery is the business of local upholsterer Vicky Spencer, who marks five years in business this year. What began as a creative outlet alongside a career in HR has grown into a full-time craft rooted in patience, skill and a deep respect for well-made furniture.

Vicky first started learning upholstery around 10 years ago. Sewing had always been part of her life - making clothes, curtains and soft furnishings for herself - and upholstery offered a hands-on way to explore creativity beyond the desk-based world of HR. The original plan was to keep it as a side project, with a view to becoming a part-time occupation later in life. That plan gradually changed. After training, Vicky was offered a role teaching upholstery, which she balanced alongside her HR career and her own upholstery commissions. Over time, it became clear that what had started as a creative outlet had become something more. In 2021, she took the leap and committed to upholstery as her main occupation.

Fully Recovered Upholstery focuses on thoughtful re upholstery that helps furniture last longer - from well-loved older pieces to more modern, high-street furniture. Some projects involve in-depth work, including stripping pieces back and making repairs where needed, whilst others are about carefully re-covering to refresh the look and extend its use.

Whatever the job, each piece is treated with care. Every project begins with a conversation, understanding not just the practical needs of the piece but what the owner wants it to feel like when it returns home. Sometimes that means a completely new look; other times it's about preserving a link to the past.

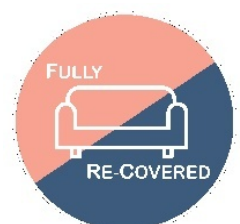
Sustainability is a strong thread running through Fully Recovered Upholstery. Vicky is passionate about saving quality furniture from landfill, particularly older pieces that were built to last, offering an alternative to the fast-fashion approach that dominates much of today's furniture market. Working from her home workshop, Vicky serves customers across the local area, with much of her work coming through word-of-mouth recommendations.

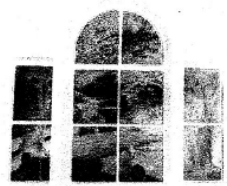


As Fully Recovered reaches its five-year milestone, it is perhaps customer feedback that best reflects the impact of Vicky's work. Clients regularly praise her as "someone who clearly has an eye for detail and loves her work," and noting that she "goes out of her way to make extra effort in the small details that really matter." Others speak about the difference her work has made in their homes, saying she has "transformed our living space," and calling her upholstery "the most stunning". Five years on, Fully Recovered Upholstery continues to do exactly what it set out to do - careful, considered work, carried out with respect for furniture, memories and the people behind both. Find more information at:

<https://fullyrecoveredupholstery.co.uk>

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Shelley Museum

Celebrating 10 Years

In 2026 we will be celebrating **10 years** since the official opening of the Museum. As well as celebrating this we are also looking into the History of the Community Association, itself celebrating **50 years**, and their journey converting the old Church School into today's Village Hall. We are looking for people to share their recollections of this time.

At the start this mostly centred around fundraising activities and organising one off events. In 1977 they held a Silver Jubilee Gala at the First School, then in 1978 on the first ever May Day Bank Holiday they had a May Day Fayre in the Village Hall at which pupils from Shelley First School did a Maypole dancing display. Pupils were also on hand a year later for the official opening of the Hall on May Day 1979. Below are pictures from 1978 and 1979.



May Day 1978



May Day 1979

If you have any information you would like to share about the formation of the Community Association and the Village Hall contact Carol on 01484 603836.

**The exhibition will be held in the Museum and Methodist Hall
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Daniel:

I started in Scouting in Shepley when I was 6, I stayed with the Shepley Scout group through Beavers, Cubs and Scouts before moving to Shelley for Explorers. I have been given the opportunity to visit Canada as one of 40 Young People going. We will be canoeing and wild camping in the Algonquin Provincial Park, visiting and cycling around the Canadian capital (Ottawa) and finishing our trip in the French-Canadian city of Quebec. I am really looking forward to getting to know the other Scouts from across West Yorkshire and canoeing and wild camping in the wilderness.



Josh:

I am currently an explorer in the Lepton group, having been an active member of the Kirkburton group through Beavers, Cubs and Scouts. I am one of 36 Young People chosen from across West Yorkshire to attend the World Scout Jamboree in Poland in 2027. The event brings together around 40,000 Scouts and Explorers from almost every country. I am looking forward to participating in the wide variety of activities on offer as well as taking advantage of the opportunity to develop my understanding of other cultures across the world and how we're linked through Scouting.





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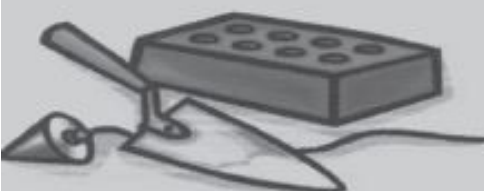
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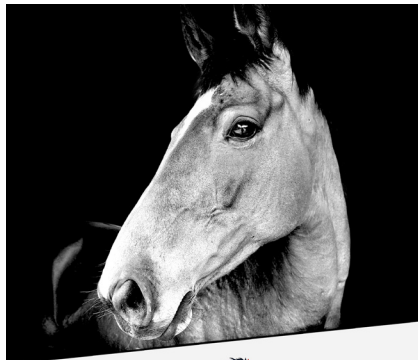
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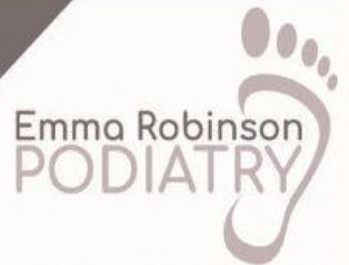
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Website		https://www.shelleyvillage.org/	
Health			
NHS - non-emergency		111	
NHS - emergency		999	
Kirkburton Health Centre		01484 602040	
Shepley Health Centre		01484 602001	
Huddersfield Royal Infirmary		01484 342000	
Holme Valley Hospital		01484 690342	
Calderdale Hospital		01422 357171	
Barnsley General Hospital		01226 730000	
Kirkburton Dentist		01484 605812	
Shepley Dentist		01484 606050	
Rowlands Pharmacy (Kirkburton)		01484 602991	
Shepley Pharmacy		01484 605608	
Kirkburton Parish Council			
Kirkburton Parish Council		The council serves Farnley Tyas, Flockton, Grange Moor, Highburton, Kirkburton, Kirkheaton, Lepton, Shelley, Shepley and Thurstonland	
Phone	7920262381	Office Address	Burton Village Hall, Northfield Lane, Highburton. HD8 0QT
Email	clerk@kirkburtonparishcouncil.gov.uk		Open to the public on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9.30am to 1pm.
Website	kirkburtonparishcouncil.gov.uk		
Kirklees Council			
Kirklees Council		Police	
Main switchboard	01484 221000	Emergency	999
Website	https://www.kirklees.gov.uk	Non-emergency	101
		Email	Rural@westyorkshire.pnn.police.uk
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