

Melsonby Parish Council

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1 Parish Council Update

Traffic Calming Measures - The Parish Council wrote to North Yorkshire Council CEO, Richard Flinton and Rishi Sunak MP as there had been no response from Highways and the Traffic Management team following a letter dated 20th February 2026. Highways have confirmed they will carry out speed tubes survey around the village. Once the data analysis is complete the Parish Council will receive an update by the end of August 2026 and an onsite visit will be arranged.

Community Speed Watch – The latest statics are available to download on the parish website. The data is shared with the Police, Highways and Deputy Mayor.

Are you concerned about speeding vehicles though the village? Could you volunteer sometime and join the Community Speed Watch Team. For more information, please contact Andrew Wilson - Wilsonlymm1961@btinternet.com

Permissive Footpath at Church Row - The path and gate have been installed. Residents had raised an issue of the sloped pathway. Councillors discussed this and have spoken to Westgarth's and have agreed that steps should be installed. The Parish Council hope this reduces the amount of dog fouling in the church grounds and ask dog owners to pick up any dog mess and dispose of it in the bins provided around the village.

Power cuts – The Parish Council have requested a meeting with Northern PowerGrid to discuss the ongoing power cuts and power station development. This will hopefully take place in September.

Bushes and Trees remedial work – Please can resident ensure that their trees, shrubs and bushes are cut back to their boundary.

Best Kept Village Competition 2026 Results. Melsonby achieved the **Award of Highly Recommended Overall** in the Rotary Club of Richmond Best Kept Village Competition 2026.

New Parish Council Website – A new website has been launched and is available to view at www.melsonbyparish.gov.uk Parish Councils are strongly recommended to have a council owned website with a gov.uk domain. All governance documentation will be available to view and download. If you have any questions please contact the Clerk.

2 Planning

All planning applications, supporting documentation and correspondence can be viewed on the North Yorkshire Council Public Access Planning Portal at: [North Yorkshire Council Planning Portal](https://www.northyorkshire.gov.uk/planning)

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What's on in and around Melsonby

The Blue Book: It's an information booklet which **provides a summary of activities and support for older people and people living with dementia**. It's called The Blue Book and is free to anyone. Further information is available to view on www.melsonbypc.com

Memorial Tree: The carved tree is situated on the village green. Anyone who lives or has lived in Melsonby may place a plaque on the tree, in memory of a relative or friend who has had connections with the village. The application and full criteria are available to view and download on the Melsonby Parish Council Website www.melsonbypc.com. Please contact the Clerk before ordering your plaque. If you wish to contribute a page about your loved one in the Memorial Book, which is kept in the church, please contact Judith Stansfield melsonbypcjcs@gmail.com or 01325 718139. Please send the name, a photo, date of birth and some details about their life.

No Cold Calling Signs: The Parish Council have no cold calling stickers that residents can display in their homes. The stickers are available to pick up from the information Centre (old phone box).

TVCSA Richmondshire Community Transport operate a car scheme in the area - The scheme offers help to people who cannot conveniently use public transport due to age, infirmity, etc. For further information please telephone 01748 327037. Our administrators are available 9.30-2.00 Mon-Fri or leave a message. Or visit the website: tvcsa.jimdofree.com

Welcome packs: The Parish Council has a welcome pack for newcomers to the village. It is available to view and download on the Melsonby Parish Website. If you would like a paper copy, please contact Judith Stansfield melsonbyPCjcs@gmail.com or 01325 718139.

Village Lending Library: This service offers a book and jigsaw sharing service library, independent of the county library service. The service is available to access in the St James' Church, Melsonby.

Outreach Postal Service and Coffee Mornings: The postal service will be in the Church most Fridays from 10am – 12 noon. Coffee, tea, biscuits and sometimes cake and a chat are now available on Fridays from 10-12 noon.

Dog owners are reminded that the children's play areas are out of bounds to dogs unless they are service dogs.

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Crime update

The latest crime bulletin: To view the latest crime report, please visit www.melsonbypc.com. PCSO Elliot Brown is covering Melsonby and surrounding areas.

County Lines is a police campaign which aims to raise awareness of a **criminal activity**. This is when criminals from major cities expand their drug networks to small market towns. This is a foremost priority for North Yorkshire Police and information from members of the public is invaluable in helping them safeguard vulnerable people. For further information please visit the North Yorkshire Police website <https://northyorkshire.police.uk/what-we-do/tackling-crime/county-lines-drug-dealing/>

Thank you to parishioners for their attendance at Parish Council Meetings and we hope that residents continue to support the work of the Parish Council. The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on 23rd September 2026 at 6.30pm in the St James Church meeting room. All are welcome to attend. The full minutes of previous meetings can be viewed on the Parish website www.melsonbypc.com