

Wentworth Parish Council

Annual Newsletter - Spring 2025



**Serving the communities of Wentworth,
Harley, Nether Haugh, Barley Hole,
Hood Hill, Street, and Hoover**



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Chairman's Welcome

I'd like to welcome you to the Wentworth Parish Council Annual Newsletter as we come towards the end of the 2024/25 'civic year'. This is an annual publication that will seek to advise you about what we have been doing in the past year to serve you, our community.

It has been another very busy year for Wentworth Parish Council. In July we had the Parish Councillor Elections, following which we had two new Parish Councillors elected, and on the same day the Borough Councillor Elections and the General Election.

The Beacon in Wentworth was lit for the D-Day 80 Commemoration Event on 6th June 2024, by Ernie Beeson, an army veteran from Harley. The Beacon has since undergone refurbishment and a newly painted sign is now erected.

The Parish Council has set up a traffic strategy sub-committee under the leadership of Councillor Stephen Peace, which is beginning to make great progress.

The Parish Council have also set up a Speedwatch group which includes Parish Councillors, members of the public and members of the Wentworth Village Community Association. The participants in the Speedwatch Group have all been trained in the use of the speed camera, including the procedures set by South Yorkshire Police, who fully endorse the group. If anyone feels that they would like to be involved in the Speedwatch Group, or want to learn more about it, then please contact me at cllrmcnamarawpc@gmail.com.

An ongoing bench replacement scheme continues within the Parish, with funds provided by the Wentworth Charities to the Parish Council.

Defibrillators in the Parish

There are now three publicly accessible defibrillators in the Parish, two are managed by the Parish Council, and the third one, within Wentworth village is managed by the Wentworth Residents Association.

The Defibrillators are located at:

The red phone box on Street Lane, Street.

The red phone box on the Circle, off Occupation Road, Harley.

The red phone box on Main Street, Wentworth.

These devices are all fully automated and are simple to use in case of an emergency, but training can be arranged if residents want to familiarise

themselves with the process. Please email me on the email address above if you would like some training.

Notice Boards

The Parish Council has a number of notice boards in the Parish. One of the notice boards in Harley had to be removed as it was in danger of collapse. A new noticeboard was commissioned by the Parish Council and is expected to be back in situ imminently, thanks to funding provided by Wentworth Charities. The Parish Council notice boards display legal notices and information. The information is verified, monitored and maintained by the Parish Councillors.

The Parish Council now has a designated phone so that people can contact the Council. Tel: 07354 734830. Please note that this phone is not manned 24/7, so please leave a message and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

Finally, a sincere thankyou to our Clerk, Jane Hutchings who retired on the 31st January 2025. Jane has done an outstanding job for us, for over 20 years, and will be greatly missed. We wish Jane all the very best for the future.

I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome our new Parish Clerk, Rebecca Maindonald, who becomes a crucial new member of the team.

Cllr Brendan J McNamara
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Chair of Wentworth Parish Council



Delivering for You

Our main achievements since our previous newsletter includes work undertaken by Cllr. Peace on traffic issues within the Parish. He has managed to draw together regular meetings to discuss traffic issues within the Parish and how to mitigate the effects of these going forward. We appreciate that this is one of the main areas of concern, but we can assure everyone that it is being addressed.

Due to issues around lack of funding at RMBC. progress has been slower than we would have liked. The meetings with our local partners have grown from just a couple of people to a larger group now that involves Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council, the Police, Wentworth Woodhouse, Fitzwilliam Wentworth Estates, and key figures from local groups and businesses. We are reaching out again to the local Church as well as to the community of



Harley to gather more support from the Parish as it is important that as many voices from our community are heard, as we approach the powers that be, to make our roads safer.

We were also successful in re-establishing a regular weekday bus service back to Wentworth, providing passage to and from Rotherham and Barnsley. Parishioners asked us for this, and we listened when they attended one of the Parish Council's monthly meetings. We were able to deliver after lobbying the South Yorkshire Mayor, Oliver Coppard, our M.P. John Healey

and representatives of Rotherham MBC. It's very important to us to meet with our community and civic leaders to advocate for you. We continue to work with the bus operator and other local leaders to ensure reliability of this service.



We are here to serve the whole of the Parish, so, if you have an issue and you think we might be able to help, then please let us know. Throughout the year we deal with many issues for the community ranging from overgrown footpaths to lack of street lighting, and everything in between.

Hearing your voices

Here at the Parish Council, we are committed to capturing your voices, and more importantly acting upon them. In order to increase our visibility within the community, we hold monthly surgeries, alongside the Rotherham MBC Councillors for the Parish. This is your opportunity to speak directly with your local Parish Councillors as well as the Rotherham MBC Councillors, raising any issues of concern, or just sharing your thoughts on priorities going forward. We've also reintroduced multi agency parish walkabouts, again a further opportunity for you to engage with us, and other statutory agencies. For further information about the Walkabouts just check out our website.



We are firmly committed to ensuring that, as parishioners, you are at the heart of the Parish Council and our thinking. We hope to see you at the surgeries, which are the first Saturday of every month from 9.30am until 10.30am in the Mechanics Institute and 11am until 12noon at Harley Mission Rooms.

We also welcome residents in bringing issues to the Parish Council directly at council meetings. Our meetings take place every 3rd Monday of the month (except in August) and the meetings take place at the Mechanics Institute at Wentworth. All the meeting dates for 2025 are published on the Wentworth Parish Council website. You'll always get a warm welcome from us.

What we do

Cllr Brendan McNamara has lived in Wentworth for the last 24 years and has been a Parish Councillor for the Wentworth Ward coming up for 10 years. As Chairman Brendan has overall responsibility for the management of council business.

Cllr Stephen Peace has been a Councillor for the Wentworth Ward for the past 2 years, and is now the Vice Chairperson of the Council. Stephen heads up the Traffic & Visitor Strategy sub-committee and has responsibility for planning within the Council.

Cllr Jonathan Knight is a Councillor for the Harley Ward and has lived in Harley all of his life and so is well placed to represent the interests of the residents of Harley. He has been a Councillor since September 2022. He is also the Treasurer and Events Manager of Harley Village Mission Rooms Charity and a trustee of The Wentworth Charity.



Cllr Claire Hawley is a Councillor for Wentworth. She has lived in the Wentworth for 8 years, and says she already feels a part of the community. Her remit within the Parish Council is for Community Engagement, making sure that your voices are heard and more importantly acted upon. She is passionate about making a real difference to the Parish.



Cllr Dan Booth has been a Councillor for Wentworth Ward for over 3 years. He has responsibility for grounds maintenance and is responsible for sports club liaison, along with Cllr Knight and also has responsibility for benches and public rights of way.

Cllr Paul Martin is a Wentworth Ward Councillor with responsibility for the production of the Parish Council Newsletter. He is also responsible for the upkeep of the defibrillator at Street Lane and the bus shelters at Barrowfield Lane & Nether Haugh.

Cllr Cynthia Shaw has lived in Harley for over 50 years. She has been a Councillor for over 8 years. In 2017 Harley Mission Rooms were scheduled for closure. Cllr Shaw led efforts to raise £150,000 to keep Harley Mission Rooms open. She is the Chair of the Harley Mission Rooms Charity, is the chair of the patient group at a large local GP Surgery, chair of the A6135 Accident Reduction Group. She is also a trustee of the Wentworth Charities. Cllr Shaw received the honour of an MBE awarded by King Charles III. She serves the community in which she lives by acting as a conduit between the residents and the Parish Council.



Cllr Tom Hill is a Harley Ward Councillor with special responsibility for the upkeep of the Harley Children's Playground. He rejoined the Parish Council in May 2025, having previously served as a Councillor before going to university. He also ensures that the defibrillator on the Circle at Harley is serviceable.

Cllr Val Sykes has been a Councillor for the Harley Ward since 2015. She has responsibility for Harley Pavilion and all that it entails. The Pavilion, fields and garage are all available to hire throughout the year by local residents and others. The pavilion can be used for private functions, sporting and local community events. She has special responsibility for the Remembrance Service held in November at the Wentworth War Memorial. She has researched details of those



commemorated on the monument. These details form part of the exhibition at the Mechanics Institute, Wentworth on Remembrance Sunday.

This is a snapshot of what your councillors do, on a day-to-day basis, to make a difference within the Parish. It is important to say that all nine parish councillors have 'areas of special responsibility' to make sure that no area of parish business is neglected.

Community News

Community Skips

The Parish Council will be providing free skips for residents of the Parish to use on Saturday 5th April from 9am until the skips are full or 12 noon, whichever is sooner. There will be a skip located at Harley in the car park opposite the bungalows towards the top of Occupation Road and the skip at Wentworth will be sited in the main village car park.

Dog Fouling

We have a continuing problem with dog fouling throughout the Parish. It is incumbent upon all dog owners to clear up after their dogs. Just a reminder that dogs are not permitted on the playing fields and park at Harley or on the playing/sports field at Wentworth. There are signs in situ throughout the Parish, but they do not appear to have solved the problem.

Please be mindful that Rotherham MBC Dog Wardens are aware of this problem and they will, as a result of recent reports, now be carrying out much more regular patrols and they will issue fines for any violations. Thank you for your support in keeping our parish safe, clean and tidy for the use and enjoyment of all its residents.

Parking Issues

The Parish Council is often informed of parking problems throughout the Parish including the blocking of pavements, parking near or on junctions and blocking the highway. These issues should be reported either to RMBC, the landowners or the Police, as applicable.

It should be reported direct to South Yorkshire Police, if a vehicle is parked:

- over a dropped curb;
- on a pedestrian crossing including the area marked by the zigzag lines;
- in space reserved for blue badge holders or residents (unless entitled to do so); or
- on red lines near a school entrance or at a bus stop.

It is important that these matters are reported, to establish the extent and severity of the problem, so that preventative measures can then be put in place and where necessary enforcement can be carried out.

Please also feel free to let the Parish Council know when you have made a report to any of the above parties by emailing the Parish Clerk at wentworthclerkpc@gmail.com. The Parish Council will then be able to further pursue the matter with the relevant authority on behalf of residents, to try to ensure that action is taken.

Dates for Your Diary

Harley Village Easter Fair at Harley Mission Rooms - Saturday 12th April 2025 - 10am until 2pm.

This now annual event promises to be as good, this year, as in previous years. Stalls to include a cake stall, Easter offerings, craft, bags and scarves, bespoke gifts as well as Cynthia Shaw's famous raffle, a tombola and refreshments. Everyone is very welcome. Please come along and join in the fun.

V.E. Day 80th Anniversary Beacon Lighting - 8th May from 8pm – 10pm

Beacon lighting at 9:30pm at Wentworth Village Car Park.

Songs from the 40's will be played as part of the celebrations from 8pm onward for your entertainment. Fish & chips will be on sale in the main car park, with takeaways available if required. Refreshments will also be provided by Wentworth WI in the Mechanics Institute.

V.E. Day 80th Anniversary Commemorative Concert at Harley Mission Rooms – 9th May at 7:30pm.

Featuring Chapelton Silver Prize Band playing wartime nostalgic music and much more. To buy tickets for this event please call Cynthia on 01226 743767. Tickets £8 per person. Refreshments will be served at this event, and a collection will also be taken in aid of the Royal British Legion.

Harley Village Annual Plant Sale at Harley Mission Rooms - Friday 16th and Saturday 17th May 2025 – 10.30am until 5.30pm.

Advertised by its organisers as probably the best independent plant sale in the area. Expert advice will be on hand for anyone that needs it. Refreshments will also be served inside Harley Mission Rooms throughout this event, where there will also be a bric-a-brac sale to help raise funds in support of Harley Mission Rooms. Everyone is welcome to come along even if it's only to have a chat and a cuppa.

Wentworth Village Day - Sunday 6th July 2025

This event is organised by our friends at Wentworth Village Community Association. It is not possible as yet to advertise specifics about the day, as we don't have confirmation just yet, but it promises to be a very full and action-packed day as in previous years.

RHS Flower Show at Wentworth Woodhouse – 16th (Members Day) – 20th July 2025

Harley Village Christmas Fair at Harley Village Mission Rooms – Saturday 29th November 2025 – 10am – 3pm

This is a very popular annual event. Stalls to include a cake stall, seasonal offerings, craft, bags and scarves, bespoke gifts as well as a quality prize draw, a tombola and refreshments. Everyone is very welcome. Please come along and join in the festive fun.

Harley Village Mission Rooms Annual Christmas Concert - Saturday 13th December 2025. Doors open from 6.30pm.

Tickets £8 per person. Please call Cynthia on 01226 743767 to reserve your place. A seasonal mix of Christmas songs and carols played by Chapeltown Silver Prize Band. There will be the usual quality prize draw and refreshments will be available.



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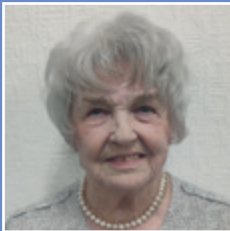


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