



TADCASTER NEWSLETTER

Tadcaster Flood Alleviation Scheme Update

The Environment Agency have been developing in detail the proposed programme of works for the flood alleviation scheme and fish pass, to ensure Tadcaster is provided with a scheme which not only protects people and property, but also provides the best benefits and enhancements to the community. Now the programme and costs have been determined, the project team can proceed to the final stages of detailed design. The planning application was submitted in full to North Yorkshire Council at the end of October, and should be live for comments by the time you receive this newsletter.

The support of Tadcaster residents was vital to the bridge rebuild in 2016, and it will be once again with this project. The Environment Agency will be organising local drop-in events for the community to come and chat with the team and discuss any queries they may have. Until then, the project team are available in person at The Ark at Tadcaster Town Council Offices every Tuesday between 10-12am; please drop in if you would like to discuss any aspect of the scheme further.



Tadcaster Treat 2025

Are you aged 70 or over, live in Tadcaster or Stutton, and enjoy a good meal with entertainment? If so, come along on Saturday 15 February 2025 and join us for this annual get together in the Riley Smith Hall! Applications will be collected along with your payment of £5 in Tadcaster Library from Monday 6 January to Friday 10 January 2025. Library opening hours are 2pm-4pm Monday to Wednesday, and 10am-12pm on Thursdays and Fridays. If you have any queries, please contact Margaret Ross on 07874 889489.

RAF Parade Returning to Tadcaster

We are pleased to announce that the Royal Air Force ATC Sunday Parade, which was held in Tadcaster earlier this year, will be returning to the town in 2025. The event, which commemorates the foundation of the RAF Air Training Corps in 1941, will take place on 9 February 2025, with a parade from the central car park at 9am, followed by a service in St. Mary's Church, and then a parade by the War Memorial.

Community Speed Watch

The Town Council has recently set up a community speed watch group, which will provide monitoring of roads in the town which have speeding issues, and will work with North Yorkshire Police to issue warnings to drivers who are caught driving over the speed limit. The group is currently recruiting for volunteers, who will be provided with the appropriate equipment and training. For more information, please contact Councillor Gill Butcher, who is co-ordinating the group.

Community Centre and Support Information

Tadcaster has four community centres, which host regular events and have been designated as warm spaces for during the winter:

Calcaria House - Bingo on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday afternoons from 1pm-4:30pm; Line-Dancing on Wednesday evenings from 6:45pm-9pm; Women's Institute on the first Wednesday of each month.

Kelcbar House - Dementia and Carer's Support Group on Mondays 12pm-3pm; Coffee Mornings on Fridays 10:30am-12pm; Art Club on the third Tuesday of each month 1:30pm-4pm; Activities Club on the fourth Tuesday of each month 2pm-4pm. The Tadcaster U3A also use the venue on a regular basis.

Rosemary House - Knit and Natter on Mondays 10am-12pm; Bingo on Mondays 7pm-9pm, Warm Space on Thursdays, 10am-2pm.

The Barn - Community cafe on Wednesdays 10:30am-12pm. The Wetherby and District Food Bank are also present at the cafe, and a Money Buddies adviser is present to give financial advice, no appointment required.

Who Should I Contact About Issues?

While our town councillors are always happy to help deal with any issues, in some cases it can be more effective to directly contact the local authority responsible for dealing with a service or an issue. This ensures that they are not forced to work with second-hand or third-hand information, and greatly increases the chances of your issues being dealt with promptly and effectively.

Tadcaster Town Council is responsible for the town cemetery, allotments, floral displays, benches, litter bins, and the War Memorial.

North Yorkshire Council is responsible for most other public services in the town, including highways, street lighting, waste collections (including dealing with fly-tipping), registration of births, deaths, and marriages, council tax bills, social housing, community centres, licensing, planning, and environmental issues. You can contact them via <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/contact-us>, or via phone on **0300 131 2131**. The QR code below will also take you to the appropriate section of North Yorkshire Council's website for reporting issues.

Crimes should be reported to **North Yorkshire Police**, by calling 999 in the event of an emergency, or 101 otherwise.

For matters relating to central government policy, please contact Sir Alec Shelbrooke MP via the details listed at the bottom-right hand corner of this page.



Stay Safe, Beat the Scammers!

North Yorkshire Police have recently alerted us to phone and in-person scams that have targeted Tadcaster residents. Looking out for and avoiding these scams may seem like a daunting task, but there are steps that you can take to protect yourself:

Do not let salespeople, or people claiming to be from utility companies or similar, into your home unless they have shown you identification.

Do not provide your bank or credit/debit card details to individuals claiming to be from your bank. They will not ask you for this information over the phone.

Be suspicious of all "too good to be true" offers and deals.

Don't agree to offers or deals immediately, and be wary of high-pressure sales tactics, especially if they are being employed by someone whom you are not normally a customer of.

Never send money to anyone you don't know or trust, or use methods of payment you're not comfortable with.

Don't just rely on glowing testimonials.

Find solid, independent evidence of the legitimacy and success of a company.

Always get independent or legal advice if an offer involves money, time, or commitment.

Bus Station and Bus Service Update

Following a public meeting with Transdev,, we can confirm that the Coastliner bus service will moving from two buses per hour to three as of 27 November, in order to alleviate the capacity issues that have been experienced over the last year. A further public meeting is due to be held in the New Year, details of which will be made available as soon as possible.

The improvement works to the bus station, which have been delayed by various issues, should have begun by the time you receive this newsletter, with a target completion date of March. Measures will be taken to ensure that there is little, and ideally no disruption to bus services, pedestrian access, or car parking.

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VE Day 2025

Thursday, May 8 2025 will mark the 80th Anniversary of VE Day. This year, the town's beacon, located at the junction of Garnet Lane and Leeds Road, was lit on June 6 by former Mayor Cllr Don Mackay to celebrate the 80th Anniversary of D-Day, and we are delighted to announce that the beacon will again be lit for the anniversary of VE Day.

The beacon lighting will take place at 9:30pm on May 8, as part of a national programme of beacon-lightings.

For more information on celebrations that are being planned nationally, please go to <https://www.veday80.org.uk> for further information.



If you suspect you may have been the victim of fraud, do not hesitate to report it. No matter how embarrassing it might seem, reporting it improves the chances of being able to recover your losses, and prevent others from being scammed. You can report suspected fraud to Action Fraud, either online at <https://www.actionfraud.police.uk> or on **0300 123 2040**.

Boundary Changes

Following the General Election earlier this year, Tadcaster is now in the Wetherby and Easingwold constituency.

As the result of this boundary change, the current MP for Tadcaster is now Sir Alec Shelbrooke. He can be contacted by phone on **01937 589 002**, or at alec.shelbrooke.mp@parliament.uk