

TADCASTER NEWSLETTER



Summer/Autumn 2026

What's Happening in Tadcaster

Remembrance Sunday

This year, Remembrance Sunday will take place on Sunday 8th November. Kirkgate, Westgate, and Chapel Street will be closed off to traffic from early in the morning until about 11:15-11:30am. A Service of Remembrance will take place in St. Mary's Church from 10am, and a livestream will be put on in the Riley Smith Hall, with refreshments provided.

Tadcaster Christmas Market

Our annual Christmas Market will take place on Sunday November 29th this year. A full programme of events will be announced in the Winter edition of the newsletter, but the customary Christingle Service will take place on that day, and we anticipate the usual stalls in the Riley Smith Hall. Anyone wishing to have a stall at the market, please contact the Town Clerk at clerk@tadcastertowncouncil.gov.uk.

New Community Groups

The recently re-opened Angel and White Horse is planning a series of new weekly community groups, including Mental Health Mondays (11am-4pm), which aims to provide socialisation opportunities for isolated individuals and provide mental health support; other planned groups include a twice-monthly Wednesday Book Club (time TBC), and a Knitting and Crochet Group on Tuesdays (7pm-8:30pm). For more information, or if there are any other groups you would like to see, please ask the staff at the pub.

Planning for the town's future

Much is taking place to shape the future development of Tadcaster. The Tadcaster Neighbourhood Development plan is at the time of writing in its consultation phase, and we anticipate it going to a full referendum at some point next year. If and when it is adopted, it will provide a clear and strong blueprint for the town's future development.

Work has also begun on a new North Yorkshire Local Plan, which is anticipated to be in place by 2029. We will update the community as more information becomes available, but it appears that the plans from the now-defunct Selby District Local Plan to develop on the central area car park will not be taken forward.

The new management at Samuel Smith's Brewery has announced plans for the green near the Riley Smith Hall, which include a seating area, and a walk that will link the green and the hall with the central area car park. The brewery management is also working with the long-term goal of bringing the derelict properties around the town back into use, and attracting new tenants to its residential and retail properties.

The recent second Tadcaster Creates festival was another success, bringing people in the town together to celebrate its creativity and community spirit. If you would like to see more events like this in the future, or you have any other ideas for community events, please let us know!

War Memorial Seating

Following a tireless fundraising campaign led by a local resident, with donations coming in from people throughout Tadcaster and beyond, two new benches have been installed opposite the town's War Memorial. This seating has already been enjoyed by many people, and a further campaign is now under way to raise money for the installation of a plinth in-between the benches, which will honour a local war hero. Tadcaster Town Council wishes to place on record its heartfelt appreciation to all the people who organised and donated to the campaign.



New Cycle Racks

A new set of cycle racks have been installed in the central area car park, by the footpath leading to the bus stop on Bridge Street.



Merit Awards

This year, Tadcaster Town Council has presented Merit Awards to members of the community for reasons including contributing to the running of Tadcaster Swimming Pool, collecting litter, and for founding Tadcrafters and undertaking various projects within the town.

If you know of anyone you feel deserves to be recognised for their contributions to the community, please contact clerk@tadcastertowncouncil.gov.uk

Keeping Tadcaster Tidy

Tadcaster Town Council would like to place on record its appreciation for all the volunteers who came to our annual litter pick in April. Prior to the litter pick, one of our young residents was awarded with a merit award for her and her family's tireless work in picking up litter in the town.

Keeping Tadcaster tidy is a year-round task, however. At present, there are a number of volunteer groups who operate in different areas of the town, picking up litter on their own time. Tadcaster Town Council has recently acquired some brand new litter pickers in order to aid with the annual litter pick. These litter pickers can be borrowed by anyone who is interested in helping to keep Tadcaster tidy. Please contact the Town Clerk if you are interested - we are particularly keen for individuals or groups who are able to pick up litter in Tadcaster East, and the Woodlands Estate, but welcome anyone who is interested.

The Town Council is also acutely aware of the issues with weeds growing in various locations around the town, and that we will soon have to contend with build-ups of dead leaves. We have contacted North Yorkshire Council, as the authority responsible for the maintenance of footpaths and public areas in the town, and requested in the strongest terms that they fulfil their obligations to maintain the town's appearance. While town councillors always aim to remain vigilant in reporting issues of this nature, we also encourage residents to report these issues directly to North Yorkshire Council.



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Mayor and Deputy Mayor of Tadcaster 2026/27

At the annual council meeting, on May 12, Cllr Richard Sweeting was elected for his second year as Mayor, and his fourth year as mayor overall, having previously served as mayor in 2001/02 and 2006/07.

Cllr Gillian Butcher was elected as deputy mayor; she has been a town councillor since 2024, and this marks her first time in the deputy mayor's role, in addition to continuing to chair the Finance & General Purposes committee.

Cllr Sweeting was also presented for an award for 35 years of service, along with Cllr Don Mackay for 40 years of service, and Cllr Chris Metcalfe, who has been on the town council since its inception, for 50 years of service.

Tadcaster Flood Alleviation Scheme Update

Work is continuing on the designs for the Tadcaster Flood Alleviation Scheme, along with consulting with key local stakeholders, ahead of the submission of an updated planning application to North Yorkshire Council. The proposed changes to the scheme should keep it more consistent with the town's heritage, without compromising its ability to protect the town from floods. The Environment Agency anticipates that the planning application will be considered by North Yorkshire by the end of this year.

The Environment Agency and Tadcaster Town Council would like to emphasise that this is simply an update to the existing planning application, and that while we very much appreciate the efforts of all the residents who have written in to support the planning application, all those messages of support remain active on the planning portal, and it is not necessary to re-submit them.

Allotment Awards 2026

Judging of this year's allotments was undertaken by two judges from Yorkshire in Bloom, who were most impressed with the standard of allotments on display this year. Six allotments were chosen to receive awards across the Stutton Road and Middlemiss Allotments, including the Best Allotments at both sites, two Highly Commended awards, and a Best Newcomer.

Town Council Vacancies

Cllrs Fiona Greig and Kirsty Poskitt recently stepped down from the Town Council after ten years' and four years' service respectively. Cllr Poskitt remains as North Yorkshire councillor.

Both were tireless contributors in their time on their town council, and we would like to place on record our appreciation for their work.

The Town Council will be making an announcement on the filling of these vacancies in due course.