



# RAVENFIELD PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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## New Website Coming Soon

Ravenfield Parish Council is excited to announce the development of a brand-new website. Our current website, which has served us for many years, was in need of modernisation as it had become increasingly challenging to upload information and was falling behind in terms of functionality and accessibility.

The new website will feature a user-friendly layout, making it simpler for residents to quickly find information. Whether you are searching for meeting minutes, local news, upcoming events, or community resources, the updated site will make accessing this information easier.

We are also working to ensure that the new website is fully accessible, so everyone in our community can easily access the information they need. The design will be mobile-friendly.

In addition, we plan to introduce new features such as a dedicated section for community groups.

The website is currently under construction. We expect to launch the new site later over the coming weeks. Thank you for your patience as we make these improvements. We are confident that the new website will be a valuable resource for everyone in the community.

Keep an eye out for the official launch announcement on Parish noticeboards and on our Facebook page (Ravenfield Parish Council - Village Notice Board).

[www.ravenfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.ravenfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk)



## Millennium Sign Restored

The Millennium sign on Moor Lane North, originally installed to commemorate the year 2000, was funded by the generous contributions of Ravenfield residents and local businesses.

Over time, the sign has started to show signs of weathering. Earlier this year, it was carefully restored to its original condition and now shines as brightly as it did when first unveiled.



## Electric Lights Replace Solar Lights on Popular Footpath

In 2019, Ravenfield Parish Council secured funding from our Ward Councillor to install solar lights along the footpath connecting Woodlaithes village to Hollings Lane.

This well-used path had formed naturally as pedestrians began taking this route, leading to multiple requests for lighting in the area.

Initially, we explored the possibility of installing electric lights, but the costs were too expensive, especially since the footpath had not yet been adopted by the Borough Council. As a more feasible alternative, solar lights were installed.

The solar lights served the community well until recently, when some began to fail. The growth of the tree canopies also contributed to the issue, as they started blocking sunlight, preventing the solar lights from fully recharging.

In 2021, we were again successful in obtaining funding from our Ward Councillors to help cover the costs of installing a tarmac footpath. Upon completion, the Borough Council agreed to adopt this footpath. At the same time, trunking was installed to accommodate an electric feed for future lighting.

Given the challenges with the solar lights, our Ward Councillors collaborated with the Borough Council to secure funding for the installation of electric street lights. These new lights have been a welcome improvement, providing consistent and reliable lighting for everyone using the footpath.

We're pleased to see how well these new electric lights have been received by the community, and we appreciate the continued support from our Ward Councillors in making this project a success.



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## Off Road Quad Bikes and Motor Bikes

If you have useful information regarding off-road vehicles, please report it and let South Yorkshire Police know where, when and descriptions of the riders and/or the vehicles. If it's safe to do so, photos and videos are also really useful.

You can report in a number of ways including:

- Email: [sypoffroadteam@southyorks.pnn.police.uk](mailto:sypoffroadteam@southyorks.pnn.police.uk)
- Facebook Messenger: @SYPOffRoadBikes
- Twitter (now known as X): @SYPOperations
- Telephone **101 for non-emergencies**  
**(999 in emergencies)**





# Jubilee Field All Weather Trail

Ravenfield Parish Council is excited to invite you to share your thoughts and ideas on an upcoming project aimed at transforming Jubilee Field into a vibrant and accessible community space. As part of this initiative, we plan to install an all-weather footpath encircling the perimeter of the field. This pathway will not only provide a safe and accessible route for everyone to enjoy but also serve as a gateway to experiencing the beauty of nature. Additionally, we envision incorporating wild planting areas and seating along the pathway to enhance biodiversity and encourage relaxation.

Your valuable feedback will help us ensure that this project reflects the needs and desires of our community, creating a welcoming and inclusive space for all to enjoy.

Please take a moment to complete the online questionnaire by scanning the QR code attached.

Alternatively, you can request a paper copy by contacting the Clerk.

The questionnaire will close on Friday 27 September 2024.

Results of the questionnaire will be published on our website and Facebook page.



## Addressing the Rise in Fly-Tipping in Our Village

Sadly, we've noticed an increase in reports of fly-tipping within our village recently. If you witness or come across any instances of fly-tipping, please report them as soon as possible to Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council (RMBC). Visit: [www.rotherham.gov.uk/xfp/form/1096](http://www.rotherham.gov.uk/xfp/form/1096) or Telephone: 01709 382121.

Your reports can help take action against those responsible and keep our village a place we can all be proud of.



## Hollings Lane Play Area Renovations Scheduled for September 2024

We're excited to announce that work will begin in September 2024 to repair and refresh our village play area. The project will include repairs to the play equipment, a fresh coat of paint for the fencing and benches, and a complete resurfacing of the play area floor.

To ensure the work is completed safely and efficiently, the play area will be temporarily closed. Notices will be placed at the site to keep everyone informed about the planned renovations.


The play area is a well-loved and valuable asset to our village, and these improvements are intended to make it even better for everyone to enjoy. We appreciate your patience during this time and look forward to unveiling the newly renovated play area soon!





Chaplins  
Mini Pantos  
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# Beauty and the BEAST



**Appearing SATURDAY 14 DECEMBER 2024**  
 Start Time: 5:30pm (Doors open at 5:10pm)  
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 Ticket Sales: 07462 468050 / clerk@ravenfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk

Tickets  
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ON SALE:  
MONDAY  
4 NOVEMBER 2024



## RAVENFIELD CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON

**TUESDAY  
3 DECEMBER 2024**



RAVENFIELD CROSSROADS

**Event Start Time: 6:30PM**  
**Light Switch On: 7:00PM**

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## Meet Your Parish Councillors

Ravenfield Parish Council is composed of seven dedicated volunteer Councillors who work to serve our community.

Following the Parish Council elections in May 2024, Councillor Callear, Councillor Jay, Councillor Jones, Councillor Jupp, Councillor Lilley, and Councillor Rowley were all elected to represent Ravenfield Parish. In July 2024, we were pleased to welcome Councillor Whitworth, who joined the Council through co-option.

Neil Pearson and Toni Leach chose to step down as Parish Councillors. However, they continue to actively volunteer and support community activities, for which we are very grateful.

Parish Councillors are usually elected every four years, with the next elections anticipated in May 2028.



## Ravenfield Parish Council Chair's Report 2023/24

I took over the Chairman's role in May last year. Thanks to Councillor Rebecca Jupp for her year as Chair. We welcomed new Councillor Maria Jones to the Parish Council. My thanks also to Councillor Toni Leach who is sadly leaving us for personal reasons. She will be missed.

The Parish Council has worked hard all year for the benefit of our village and its residents. We have supported the community litter picks, crossroads gardening, the hanging flower baskets and the poppies on lampposts. We have pressed for permanent lighting on the path in the wood between Woodlathes and Hollings Lane which is now installed. Our thanks to our Ward Councillors for helping with the funding of them.

Ravenfield Rangers Junior Football Club continue to use the pitch on Hollings Lane and we support their activities.

The Parish Hall is still very well used by many groups throughout the week and weekends. We have had to spend money on the Hall to keep in line with safety updates so we are compliant with fire and electrical regulations. The Hall has been redecorated along with new curtains and notice boards. The Hall is available to hire for groups and also private parties. Contact our Clerk for details.

We have installed a new notice board and resident donated funds for a new seat at the junction of Braithwell Road and Radford Close, which is being well used. At the crossroads old planting has been removed and a complete redesign has been done with a resin path and new seat. Outside the shops have been included in the design with a new path and seating. Anti parking posts have been fitted to stop vehicles mounting the kerb and parking on the grass verge. The millennium sign is due to be refurbished for the first time since its installation.

The Redrow development is progressing and we have had some complaints which we have taken to the builders to address. We continue to keep an eye on the build.

In June we are hoping to mark D Day 80 by putting up flags alongside the hanging baskets.

Going forward our main projects into this year and next will be to look at updating the play area on Hollings Lane, possibly a redesign depending on costs.

We would still like a perimeter path around Jubilee field so it can be accessed and used more, especially in the winter months. As we all know drainage of the field is a huge problem as its water logged much of the year.

The Council will again be funding the Christmas lights which are popular with everyone. Also, we are going ahead with our third Christmas panto in the Hall for the children and their families.

Finances. Reluctantly and after lengthy discussions we have increased the precept by 6%. Costs are constantly on the increase and to keep our Parish Hall and projects on track we had little choice. We are still one of the cheapest in the borough. We are in a healthy position and we want to keep it that way.

A big thank you to Gemma our Clerk and RFO for looking after the accounts and keeping us Councillors grounded. Can I also mention Sarah Walker our Caretaker who does a lot of work looking after the Hall for us.

If I may just say as I step down as Chairman for the third time, and take my leave as a Parish Councillor of twelve years, it has been a rewarding experience. I have learnt a lot about how Councils work. To me some Councils seem better than others and this Council is one of the better ones in my opinion. Perhaps I'm biased. We aren't paid in any way for this role, we volunteer our time to attend many meetings and hands on community work. We have a great set of Councillors to take us forward with new people stepping in with new ideas and skills. Once again thank you to all my colleagues for their support and hard work over the last year. Maria, I wish you well as incoming Chair.

Councillor Neil Pearson.

# Village Marks D-Day 80th Anniversary with Union Jack Flags

6th June 2024, our village came together to commemorate the D-Day 80th anniversary, by displaying Union Jack flags and bunting on lampposts.

A special thank you goes to Redrow Homes for their generous support, which made it possible to buy all the flags.

We also want to give a shoutout to everyone who helped decorate the village.

As we admired the flags, it was a powerful reminder of the bravery of those who took part in the D-Day landings and a tribute to those who gave so much for our future.



## Christmas Panto News

Last December, Ravenfield Parish Hall came alive with the magical performance of "Treasure Island" by Chaplin's Pantos. The event was a fantastic success, with children eagerly joining in the fun. It is very impressive how the actors create such an engaging show within the Hall's limited space.

The pantomime was subsidised by Ravenfield Parish Council and Bramley and Ravenfield Ward Councillors. To make the day even more special, a selection of refreshments and snacks was provided, also funded by the Ward Councillors.

Given the warm reception of past two year's show, Chaplin's Pantos will be returning to Ravenfield Parish Hall on Saturday 14 December 2024, at 5:30pm (doors open at 5:10pm), to perform "Beauty and the Beast". Once again, the event will be subsidised by Ravenfield Parish Council and Bramley and Ravenfield Ward Councillors.

Tickets will be priced at just £4.00 each and will be available for purchase from Monday 4 November 2024 by contacting the Clerk.

Keep an eye out for posters and Facebook updates for more information!



## Festive Fun at Ravenfield Crossroads: Christmas Lights Switch-On

It might have been a freezing December evening last year, but that didn't stop a great crowd from turning up at Ravenfield Crossroads for the Christmas Light Switch-On! The turnout was amazing, with everyone excited to start the festive season together.

The night was made even more special by the fantastic choir from Ravenfield Primary Academy. The children sang their hearts out, filling the air with Christmas cheer, and the Maltby Miners Welfare Brass Band added the perfect touch with their brilliant brass tunes.

To help keep everyone warm, The Cavalier pub served up hot soup and rolls, just what was needed on such a cold night.

Year 5 student Millie Swift took the stage to switch on the Christmas lights. As soon as she flicked the switch, the crossroads lit up with twinkling lights. It was a magical way to start the Christmas celebrations in Ravenfield.

This year's Christmas Light Switch-On will take place on Tuesday, 3rd December 2024, starting at 6:30pm, with the lights being switched on at 7:00pm.

Be sure to come along and look out for the brand-new design of lights.





# Parking Consideration



Parking on and around Hollings Lane continues to be a challenge, particularly during events held at the recreational grounds. We kindly ask for your cooperation in parking considerably - both for the safety of everyone and out of respect for our residents.

Your thoughtful parking can help ensure that Hollings Lane remains accessible and safe for all. Thank you for your attention to this important issue.



## Ravenfield Fete Group

Our small group of residents volunteering their time to organise this year's Fete became 4 for 2024. Although it is a huge amount of work we have enjoyed (most of the time) organising our third annual event. We had great support from sponsors, Worksop Grill, KeepaBeat, Really Awesome Coffee Rotherham, Mac and Me, Yappy Ever After and St James' Church, along with donations from Co-op, Redrow and the now disbanded Ravenfield Events Group. Due to this generosity, we were able to offer free use of the inflatables and the entry fee for the dog show became part of the winner's prizes. This year we had Curly Wurly the Clown, Spider Man, Disney Princess, Simon Hayhurst Photography, Queen of Ice, Dog Agility, Fun Dog Show, 25 craft, gift, business, food and Community stalls, Fire engine, Police, Sunnyside Holiday Club, Community Pantry, Clifton Alpacas and Rotherham Community Trust Football Penna. There was a lot to do and get involved with.

Unfortunately, the weather was not on our side and we had around an hour of rain which sadly kept you away. We estimate (generously) that we had around 300 visitors over the 5 hours this year, 50% down on last year. We thank everyone that supported us by visiting the event and getting involved. We thank all the stall holders for believing in us, many having attended all 3 years, and we were gutted for them that the day wasn't as successful as it could have been.

The group have decided to take a year off, and will not organise a Fete in 2025. We will re-group at the end of next year and see where we are all at in life and decide if 2026 is viable. This however does not mean it can't happen!

If you would like to organise next year's event, we are happy to support and guide you with paperwork etc, we will also be happy to fund up to 1k of costs. You will need to recruit volunteers for the day in addition to organisers, and raise the remainder of costs. If you feel this is something you would like to organise, please just drop us an email, [rfg.enquiries@gmail.com](mailto:rfg.enquiries@gmail.com).

We thank everyone who has supported us over the past 3 years and we hope that you have enjoyed the events so far. Keep an eye on our FB page for further updates.

Ravenfield Fete Group

Photos provided by Simon Hayhurst Professional Images



**Saturday Singalongs**  
**FREE** First Saturday of the month  
**2 pm-3:30 pm**  
September, October, November & December 2024  
January, February, March, April, May, June, July & August 2025

**Dementia-friendly Event**  
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## Sponsor a Lamppost Remembrance Poppy

Remembrance Poppies are placed on the lampposts along Braithwell Road, Hollings Lane, Moor Lane North and Moor Lane South.

Ravenfield Parish Council are offering residents and businesses the opportunity to sponsor a lamppost poppy; and leave a message of remembrance which will be displayed in the Parish Hall, on the Parish Notice boards, Ravenfield Parish Council webpage, and Facebook page. Sponsorship will be open from 7 October 2024 until 8 November 2024, with messages of remembrance displayed by 11 November 2024.

The sponsorship of the poppies is £5.00 (minimum) each and all of donations received are passed onto the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

For more information, or to obtain a sponsorship form, please contact the Clerk on: 07462 468050, by email: [clerk@ravenfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@ravenfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk), or visit: [www.ravenfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.ravenfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk)

**Ravenfield Parish Council would like to thank all those that sponsored lamp post poppies 2023. £390 was raised in donations for the Royal British Legion.**



## St James Church

In October 2023 the Parish found itself in vacancy upon the retirement of Revd Peter Hughes. We are extremely thankful for Peter's ministry during his time with us, and we wish him well as he settles in Hessle, East Yorkshire. Despite having no priest appointed to the parish, we are maintaining weekly services at 10:30am every Sunday, with members of the congregation leading the majority of services, and with a monthly service of Holy Communion covered by priests from around the Diocese.

The Remembrance Sunday service at the memorial stone near the crossroads continued to be well supported by our community as we come together to remember those who have served, and those who continue to serve our country.

Christmas services included a Christingle service, Carols by Candlelight and a Nativity service on Christmas Eve. All were well attended.

Church looked wonderful for Easter Sunday, with a beautiful floral arrangement donated by a member of the community.

We're extremely pleased with a new noticeboard which we have installed so that our services and events are easily visible to anyone visiting the church.

As we journey through 2024, we are seeing a steady and healthy growth in our numbers, particularly at our all-age family service on the first Sunday of the month. It has been wonderful to see some new faces have joined us, particularly in recent months, whether that be those families who have come to us for baptisms, or people who have lived in the village for many years and have just stepped through the door for the first time.

We have a superb 'home team' of volunteers, and together we all do an excellent job of making sure that our pattern of services, our worship, and our fundraising runs smoothly. We all bring our skills and our gifts to the table. Our church continues to have a visible presence in the community, and although maintaining our church building present us with a challenge at times, it is in a reasonable state of repair and continues to be a warm and welcoming place to all.

There is a service held in church every Sunday at 10:30am. Everyone is welcome to join us. For more information about our services, or to discuss weddings and baptisms please call/text 07706 103846 or email us at: [info@ravenfieldchurch.co.uk](mailto:info@ravenfieldchurch.co.uk)

Ravenfield Parochial Church Council.



## 2024/2025 Events Calendar

### October/November 2024:

- Sponsor a Lamppost Poppy

### December 2024

- Sunday 1 December 2024 - Ravenfield Ladies Friendship Circle - Christmas Fair, Ravenfield Parish Hall
- Tuesday 3rd December 2024. Light Switch On, The Cavalier pub
- Saturday 14th December 2024. Beauty and the Beast Mini Panto, Ravenfield Parish Hall
- Sunday 22nd December 2024 Christmas Pop-up Café (Maltby Brass Band), Ravenfield Parish Hall

### May 2024

- Ravenfield Art Exhibition (dates to be confirmed)

(Look out for more details on the Parish Council website, Facebook Page, and on Parish Council Notice Boards).



# The Cavalier Fun Day

On Saturday 27 July 2024, The Cavalier held their annual Summer Funday. The event raises money for charity and this year's recipient was the Rotherham Hospice.

There were stalls, raffles and food outlets. South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue also attended with a fire engine for the kids to enjoy. Throughout the day there was live music. The Cav band started proceedings followed by PMT, Volume 3, Storm Trees, Half Way Home, The Richard Ford Trio and finishing the music was Becky.

The rain stayed away this year which allowed everybody to enjoy the day outside. The village at its best!

Over £1,500 was made and Nicky already has letter of thanks from Rotherham Hospice.

These events take plenty of organising so well done to Nicky and John and the people who contributed to a great day.



## Ravenfield Park Management

An interesting summer in Ravenfield Park with fishing taking centre stage with excellent catches from all the ponds.

Our membership has seen an increase due to changing the membership system. Anglers can now join at any time of year and receive a full annual digital membership from the time of joining. We no longer issue membership cards, replacing them with 21st century digital identification permits.

These have been received very positively from our existing customers and new members have been able to fish immediately.

We have had a greater uptake of juvenile and youngsters joining which can only be a good sign- keeping them away from phones and computer games will allow them to understand the countryside around them.

We have taken the opportunity to encourage a dads and lads and dads and daughters to take part and send in photographs.

Our annual match of traditional anglers versus our match men took place during the summer.

Despite a valiant effort by the traditional anglers - using tackle from yesteryear - the match men were victorious with local legend Lenny Rimminton wining with 38lb of bream.

A point of note must be the state of the sewage treatment works at Old Ravenfield.

The regular output of untreated sewage became a real problem for us in the park. A pipe that took, what we believed to be clean water was actually untreated sewage and this had a significant impact upon our Crucian carp stock pond.

Three years ago - untreated sewage decimated our stock of red listed A1 Crucian carp from our stock pond.

Our response was to divert the water away from the stock pond into our Kingfisher Pond and into a stream that fed Hooten Brook.

This brook went via our Bridge Pond.

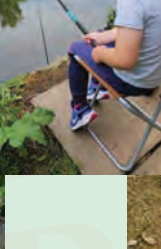
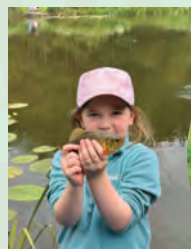
The result was significant- our stock pond was almost completely restored. We have now seen a vast amount of Crucian Carp bred in the last 18 months that confirms our belief that it was the best decision we made.

Anglers can join Ravenfield Ponds but selecting a membership and joining online.

Going into winter the park will be in good shape. Keith Rhodes out longstanding park warden will continue to look after the Park.

You can join on the link below  
<https://ravenfieldponds.co.uk/join/>

Best wishes to all  
The Ravenfield Park Committee





## Ravenfield Art Group

Ravenfield Art group has had another successful year. Several new members have joined us, and we now have members of all ages from one still at school to those in their eighties. There is still a short waiting list as we are limited by table space.

The annual art exhibition was again a most enjoyable community event benefitting three different community groups. There were 232 works of art on display as well as works by a ceramicist and a fused glass artist. Both St. James' Church and the Ravenfield Community Plan Group, supplied refreshments over the two-day event and made a healthy profit each for their funds. Visitors were also entertained by live music on saxophone and keyboard by two of our supporters.

We have changed the date of our 2024 exhibition to fit in with an event by a local football team and hope that our new date of 25/26 May will be a successful as previous events.



## Ravenfield Ladies Friendship Circle (Ravenfield LFC)

Following the closure of Ravenfield WI this year, Ravenfield LFC was formed in May 2024. The group already has over 20 members, most of whom live in Ravenfield. Our meetings are very informal and varied, ranging from talks and activities to social evenings and trips out.

So far, the group has enjoyed a talk about wellbeing by a physiotherapist, had a mini pamper session, and took part in a treasure hunt around Wentworth. Plans are in place for a book talk by Jim Morton about his walk around the British mainland, a wreath making evening, and making your own gift boxes.

We have a Christmas Craft Fair booked on Sunday, December 1st, 2024, at the Parish Hall where we'll be selling lovely homemade gifts and treats.

The group meets on the third Thursday of each month from 7pm-9pm at Ravenfield Parish Hall. Annual membership is £40.

For more information about our group, please email: [ravenfieldlfc@outlook.com](mailto:ravenfieldlfc@outlook.com)

Chair of Ravenfield LFC: Karen Jay August 2024

## Yappy Ever After

Yappy ever after has just celebrated its 7th Birthday and 7 years of dog training.

This year we've been offering more training services than ever before with regular agility training sessions and obedience training on the playing fields on Monday evenings.

We're still doing our famous socialisation Saturdays at the Ravenfield Parish Hall with puppy PAWties at 9am and all pooches PAWties at 10am, during these sessions we allow the dogs to do some socialisation under the supervision of a qualified dog behaviourist and 2 assistants as well as some fun training and some basic agility.

We have also got a brand new website for anyone wanting to book any of our services ([www.yappyevertime.co.uk](http://www.yappyevertime.co.uk)).

Whether it be dog walking, training or behavioural help.

No problem is too big and no Dog is too big  
Please contact us if you'd like any help or advice.

**Sarah Mullins - Yappy Ever After dog trainer.**  
**Telephone: 07592726570**





## Ravenfield Old People's Social Fund

We continue with our normal format of Coffee Morning on the first and third Wednesday in each month, in the Parish Hall, starting at 10:00am. Everyone is welcome to join us. You do not need to be a Ravenfield resident.

We ended last year with a Day Trip to Brigg Garden Centre, which is well trimmed up for Christmas with loads of presents on display. It can be a very expensive day out.

First Wednesday in December is our well established Christmas Party. Staniforths catering supplied us with a cracking three course meal, which was followed up with an entertaining singer to finish the night off.

This year we are continuing the same format. Staniforths are doing the Christmas meal followed by well known female singer for entertainment. Why change a format that works!

This years day trips are to:

**June: Chester City**  
**July: Stratford-upon-Avon**  
**August: Scarborough**  
**September: Whitby**

For more information please contact:

**Geoff: 0772 487404**  
**Christine: 0738 7698971**

**Geoff Outram**

Chairman of Ravenfield  
Old Peoples Social Fund



Whitby



Scarborough



Stratford-upon-Avon  
(Butterflies)



## Ravenfield Allotment Society (RAS)

The allotment society continues to enjoy full utilisation with some new members joining this year to fill a couple of vacancies.

Thanks to funding received during 2023/24 the site has been able to continue enhancing the security and has installed new gates, 60m of fencing and some solar security lighting.

Despite the excessive rainfall and wet conditions through the winter and spring months the site started to flourish in summer with growth and cultivation across all plots. Plans are being formulated to better utilise the communal/shared areas on site. The group are also exploring the feasibility of offering a community 'shop' similar to the ones at other local allotment societies to be able to offer discounted gardening supplies to allotment holders and the wider community.

The society would like to thank the parish council for their continued support during the past year.

The society operates a waiting list for when plots become free and anyone interested can email: [secretaryravenfieldallotments@gmail.com](mailto:secretaryravenfieldallotments@gmail.com) to be added to the list. Current fees are £55 per year.

Photos of produce grown at Hollings Lane Allotments.





# RAVENFIELD PARISH HALL

Birchwood Drive, Ravenfield, Rotherham, S65 4PT

## VENUE HIRE

### Current Hire

#### Availability:

*Monday's 8am – 5pm*

*1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month - 5pm onwards*

*Tuesday's 8am – 5pm*

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# why not get into indoor bowls?

It's friendly, it's fun and it will help keep you fit.



## RAVENFIELD INDOOR BOWLING CLUB

We meet every **Wednesday & Friday** - 7:00pm – 9:00pm  
in Ravenfield Parish Hall, Birchwood Drive, Ravenfield, S65 4PT

Contact: **Dave Skelding**. Telephone: **07917 276095** For more information.

## Ravenfield Educational Foundation

We offer **grants to students** for help with their studies in Higher Education, Further Education or Vocational Training



All students who are between 18 and 25 years old and have lived in Ravenfield for a year can apply for a grant

by email to [ravenfieldeducation@gmail.com](mailto:ravenfieldeducation@gmail.com)

or by letter to The Secretary,

Ravenfield Educational Foundation,

68 Bridgewater Way, Ravenfield, Rotherham, S65 4GH

You need to let us know your name, address, age, what and where you are studying and provide a reference to support your application



## THE RAVENFIELD CHARITY

We are here to help when you are in financial need through no fault of your own. There is no red tape, no publicity, and confidentiality is assured.

The only criteria required to make an application is that you live in Ravenfield.

Examples of cases in the past have been people with limited finances, who have needed to make an essential purchase or repair.

If you think you are eligible please feel free to contact the charity. All applications will be considered on merit.

The Secretary  
16 Holly's House Road  
Ravenfield  
Rotherham  
S65 4LS

## Ravenfield Community Plan Group (RCPG)

The Ravenfield Community Plan Group holds a monthly coffee morning and pop-up café on the 3rd Sunday of every month at the Parish Hall, from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm. It's a popular event, and we're really grateful to everyone—new faces and regulars—who comes along to support us.

The money we raise is going towards the all-weather path on Jubilee Field, so everything stays in the village and benefits our community.

If you're interested in joining in—whether you'd like to bake something, help out on the day, or both—just drop by and have a chat with one of our friendly volunteers. They'd be happy to tell you more.

Alternatively, you can email us at the address below:  
**[ravenfieldcommunityplangroup@outlook.com](mailto:ravenfieldcommunityplangroup@outlook.com)**



**Ravenfield**  
**POP UP CAFE**

**3RD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH**  
**10.30AM-12.30PM**  
**RAVENFIELD PARISH HALL, S65 4PT**

**Cafe dates for 2024**

21st January	18th February
17th March	21st April
19th May	16th June
21st July	13th August
15th September	26th October
17th November	22nd December

**Tea/coffee & cake**  
**£3.00 or**  
**£2.00 concession**  
**Takeaways**  
**available too!**

**Fundraising by the Ravenfield Community Plan Group to implement your suggestions from the community plan.**  
**Supported by Ravenfield Stores**

There will be a collection box for the **FOODBANK**, non-perishables only please.

For more information please email:  
[Ravenfieldcommunityplangroup@outlook.com](mailto:Ravenfieldcommunityplangroup@outlook.com)

## Ravenfield Rubbish Rascals

Throughout the year our team has continued working to help keep the streets, parks and woodland clear of litter in our village.

Unfortunately, we do see a significant amount of more litter in the school holidays especially on the playing field and in the woods.

Fly tipping is still an issue, as it is for every council. RMBC do act quickly to remove it when reported and anyone can report it to STREETPRIDE.

A big thank you to all the team for their great efforts throughout the year and I'm sure you would agree it does make a big difference!

Apart from our annual litter pick in April there is no schedule, volunteers give their time when they choose and where they think it's necessary.

If anyone is willing and has a bit of spare time and would like to volunteer, we have pickers and bags which have been provided by the council.

Contact details:

Caz Evans on 07758027745 or email [caz.evans48@icloud.com](mailto:caz.evans48@icloud.com)  
Coordinator for the Ravenfield Rubbish Rascals.



## Volunteer with Us!

Are you looking for a way to get involved in our community and make a difference? The Parish Council is always seeking enthusiastic volunteers to help with a variety of activities that keep our village vibrant and connected.

From Decorating the Village in marking special events and occasions to Distributing Leaflets, keeping your neighbours informed of news and information. There are a range of tasks that we would appreciate help with.

No experience is necessary—just a willingness to help and a love for our village! Volunteering is a great way to meet new people, contribute to the community, and have fun in the process.

If you're interested in lending a hand, please contact the Clerk by  
**email: [clerk@ravenfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@ravenfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk) or telephone: 07462 468050.**

Every bit of help makes a big difference, and we would love to have you on board!



# Ravenfield Book Swap

The Book Swap Library at the Parish Hall continues to be a popular resource for the community. You can visit the Book Swap anytime the Parish Hall is open for club events, as well as every Monday and Tuesday from 2:30pm to 3:30pm (except on bank holidays).

Special thanks goes out to Deborah for her hard work in keeping the library organised and regularly refreshing the selection of books.

Thanks to her efforts, there is always a great variety to choose from, including fiction, non-fiction, biographies, history, and children's books.

Please note that we no longer accept jigsaws and DVDs, as space is limited and they have not been as popular. Unfortunately, some people still leave these items at the Book Swap Library, but Deborah kindly takes them, along with any duplicate books, to the charity shop.

We appreciate everyone's continued support of the Book Swap Library and hope you find something new to enjoy on your next visit!



## RAVENFIELD PARISH HALL

Birchwood Drive, Ravenfield, Rotherham, S65 4PT

### VENUE HIRE

#### Current Hire Availability:

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## Regular Groups at Ravenfield Parish Hall

Find out about the regular groups that meet at Ravenfield Parish Hall. Contact information for these groups will be available on our new Parish Council website, set to launch over the coming weeks.

We also have regular hire availability on Mondays and Tuesdays from 8:00 AM to 2:30 PM, following the end of the Baby Group that were held until earlier this year.

For more details and of how to book hire of Ravenfield Parish Hall, please contact the Clerk.

### What's on regularly at Ravenfield Parish Hall

Birchwood Drive, Ravenfield, Rotherham, S65 4PT

		Morning	Afternoon
Monday	Book Swap Library Open	2:30pm - 3:30pm (exc bank holidays)	Rotherham Philatelic Society 7:00pm - 9:00pm (2nd Monday each month) March - November.
Tuesday	Book Swap Library Open	2:30pm - 3:30pm	Art Group 7:00pm - 9:00pm
Wednesday	Ravenfield Old Peoples Social Fund	10:00am Coffee Mornings - 1st & 3rd Wednesday each month	Indoor Bowling 6:30pm - 9:00pm
Thursday	Toddler Group	9:15am - 11:30am (Term Time)	Ravenfield Parish Council Meeting 6:30pm - 9:00pm (2nd Thursday each month exc August) Ravenfield Ladies Friendship Circle 7:00pm - 9:00pm (3rd Thursday each month) Rotherham Philatelic Society 7:00pm - 9:00pm (4th Thursday each month) March - November
Friday	Bramley Townswomen's Guild, Craft Group	1:30pm - 3:30pm (2nd & 4th Thursday each month)	Indoor Bowling 6:30pm - 9:00pm
Saturday	Sewing Group	10:00am - 3:00pm	Lost Chord 2:00pm - 3:30pm (1st Saturday each month until August 2025)
Sunday	Dog Obedience	9:00am - 11:00am	Community Pop up Café 10:30am - 12:30pm (once a month - see local advertisements)

If you are interested in joining/attending one of these groups, please use the contact information below to see if there is space.

Group Name	Telephone Number	Email Address
Art	07415 186188	j.s.jesson@gmail.com
Book Swap Library	07462 468050	ravenfieldparishcouncil@yahoo.com
Bowls	07917 276095	skeldingdave@yahoo.com
Bramley Townswomen's Guild, Craft Group	01709 548767	
Community Pop up Café		ravenfieldcommunityplangroup@outlook.com
Ravenfield Old Peoples Social Fund	01709 547167	geofoutram@aol.com
Ravenfield Ladies Friendship Circle		ravenfieldlfc@outlook.com
Rotherham Philatelic Society	01709 541954	
Sewing Group	01709 548237	ninaparkin@btinternet.com
Toddlers	07399 567617	Mckromdon@yahoo.co.uk
Yappy Ever After (Dog Obedience)	07592 726570	yappyeverafterdogs@gmail.com

Ravenfield Parish Council

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## Parish Hall - Redecoration

The Parish Hall was closed for two weeks last August to undergo redecoration. The Hall received a modern update with freshly painted walls, polished floors, new noticeboards, and curtains.

Ravenfield Sewing Group generously made the new curtains, which was a significant saving for the Parish Council and greatly appreciated. The curtains offer a neutral tone to the Hall and provide additional thermal insulation for the winter months.

Ravenfield Parish Council extends their thanks to everyone involved in the redecoration efforts



# Thank You

## Ravenfield Parish Council would like to THANK....

All those who give their time volunteering in the Parish.

Bramley and Ravenfield Ward Councillors; Councillor Gregory Reynolds and Councillor Liz Duncan, for their support and grant donations.

MP John Healey, for his continued support with local issues.

## Meetings of Ravenfield Parish Council

Parishioners are welcome to attend Council Meetings.

Meetings commence at 6:30pm on the 2nd Thursday of each month (excluding August), held in Ravenfield Parish Hall, Birchwood Drive, Ravenfield, S65 4PT

(Please note that the December meeting will be held in the 1st week of the month (Thursday 5 December) rather than the usual 2nd week of the month).

The agenda of the meetings are posted on the Parish Council website, Facebook Page, and on Parish Council Notice Boards.

## Ward Councillors



### Councillor Liz Duncan

Bus. phone: 01709 807939

Email: [liz.duncan@rotherham.gov.uk](mailto:liz.duncan@rotherham.gov.uk)

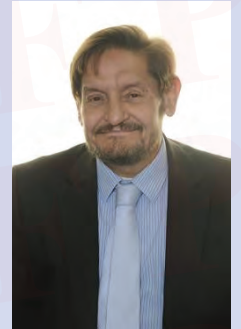
### Councillor Greg Reynolds

Bus. phone: 01709 807941

Mobile: 07757 791881

Email:

[gregory.reynolds@rotherham.gov.uk](mailto:gregory.reynolds@rotherham.gov.uk)

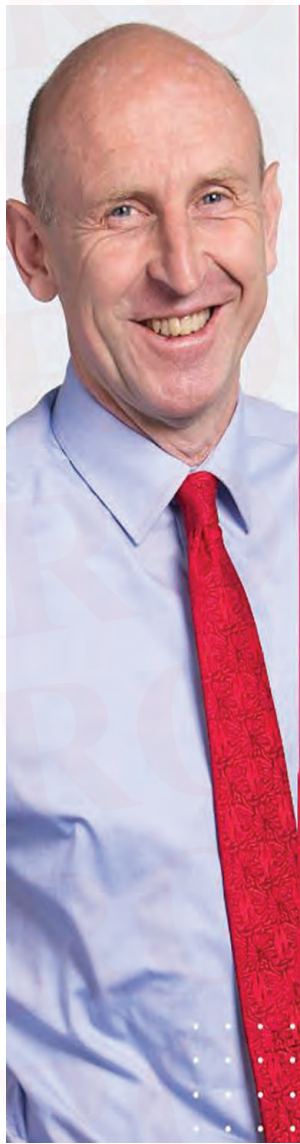


## Ravenfield Parish Council Accounts Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024

	Year Ending 31 <sup>st</sup> March <b>2023</b>	Year Ending 31 <sup>st</sup> March <b>2024</b>
Balances brought forward	£84,450	£78,017
(+) Annual Precept	£46,237	£48,755
(+) Total Other Receipts	£21,233	£22,306
(-) Staff Costs	£24,352	£25,214
(-) Loan interest /Capital Repaid	£9,362	£9,362
(-) Total Other Payments	£40,189	£45,407
(=) Balances Carried Forward	£78,017	£69,095
Total Cash and Investments	£78,017	£69,095
Total Fixed Assets	<b>£458,394</b>	<b>£469,771</b>
Total Borrowings	<b>£73,095</b>	<b>£66,011</b>

*The above accounts were subject to internal and external audit and were accepted and approved by the Council.*





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Facebook:  
Ravenfield Parish Council – Village Notice Board

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Councillor  
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(Chairman)

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