



RAVENFIELD PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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Whitestone Solar Farm

The Examination Stage Begins



The proposed Whitestone Solar Farm continues to be a significant issue for Ravenfield and the surrounding communities, with the project now moving to the next stage of the planning process.

The planning application was formally submitted to the Planning Inspectorate (PINS) on 10 June 2026 and has subsequently been accepted for examination.

An Examiner will be appointed shortly, with the examination stage expected to run from November 2026 through to April 2027.

What could this mean for Ravenfield?

The scale of the proposed development is considerable, affecting approximately 3,000 acres. A number of groups and individuals are campaigning against the development in its entirety, while others are raising objections and concerns about particular sections of the proposals.

Ravenfield Parish Council has registered its objections to the development.

The Parish Council remains particularly conscious of the potential impact on our local area. Firsby and Ravenfield would both be affected, and should permission ultimately be granted, there are concerns about the loss of green belt land as well as the potential disruption associated with construction.

Even where mitigation measures are put in place, the scale of the proposed development means there could be considerable construction activity and disruption during 2027 and 2028.

Make sure your voice is heard

With the application now progressing to examination, it is important that residents who are interested in the proposals keep themselves informed.

There is a considerable amount of information available about the project, including detailed plans, maps and documents relating to the application.

If you would like to find out more, we would encourage you to visit the relevant online and social media channels, particularly the official Whitestone Solar Farm website and the Planning Inspectorate (PINS) pages for the application.

The Parish Council will continue to follow the progress of the application and, where appropriate, keep residents informed of significant developments.





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Community Governance Review 2026

A Community Governance Review is an opportunity for Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council to review and make changes to the local governance in Rotherham.

The outcome of a Community Governance Review includes:

- Making changes to Parish Boundaries
- Creating merging or abolishing Parishes
- Changing electoral arrangements such as the number of Councillors and Parish wards

The Local Government Boundary Commission for England has decided that it is good practice for Councils to consider conducting reviews of boundaries every 10-15 years. The last Borough wide Community Governance Review in Rotherham was in 2008 therefore the Council are undertaking a new review.

In 2019 the Ravenfield Parish Council submitted a Community Government Review request to Rotherham MBC asking them to move the boundary between Ravenfield and Bramley to encompass the Poppy Fields development within the Ravenfield boundary. This was turned down mainly at the time because Bramley objected and residents were yet to move onto the estate. Due to the new Review taking place survey's have been distributed to residents of Poppy Fields within the first consultation period and favourable comments received from the residents hoping to establish confirmation that the properties will be included into Ravenfield after the review process is concluded.

TIMETABLE FOR THE REVIEW

Stage 1 -	Public consultation period 1/5/26 – 26/6/26 During this time survey's were sent out to interested parties
Stage 2 -	Submissions are received and considered and draft initial recommendations are prepared and considered by Cabinet July 2026 – September 2026
Stage 3 -	Draft recommendations are published and a second public consultation period on draft recommendations will be undertaken. October 2026 – November 2026
Stage 4 -	Submissions are received and considered and final recommendations are prepared. December 2026 – February 2027

The Council will make a reorganisation order (if required) April 2027

The Consultation Process

In coming to its recommendations the Council need to take into account the views of local people and the Council must:

1. Consult with the local government electors for the area under review and any other persons or body who appear to have an interest in the Review.
2. Take the representations that are received into account by judging them against the criteria in the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007.

This will consist of two phases of consultation. The first sort to seek the initial views of the local residents, groups and stakeholders and forms the basis of the draft recommendations. The second phase will seek views on the draft recommendations to allow the final recommendations to be formed.

Recommendations are due to be included in the agenda of the Rotherham MBC Cabinet meeting to be held on 14th September. The agenda is expected to be published and can be viewed from either 28th August or Tuesday 1st September 2026.

Please make your views on the recommendations known before the end of the consultation period November 2026. Terms of reference can be found at Wickersley library.

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2026 DATES

	20th September 2026	10:30am - 12:30pm
	18th October 2026	10:30am - 12:30pm
	15th November 2026	10:30am - 12:30pm
	Christmas Café with the brass band	20th December 2026 10:30am - 12:30pm

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Ravenfield Book Swap



Looking for something new to read? Why not call into the Ravenfield Parish Hall Book Swap and see what you can find?

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(excluding Bank Holidays)

Pop in, have a browse and discover your next read!

A special thank you goes to Deborah, who generously volunteers her time to look after and organise the Book Swap. Her continued help keeps the shelves organised and ensures the facility remains available for everyone in the village to enjoy.

What's On at: RAVENFIELD PARISH HALL

Birchwood Drive, Ravenfield, Rotherham, S65 4PT



MONDAY	2:30pm - 3:30pm (Every week exc bank holidays) 7:00pm - 9:00pm (2nd of month) March - October	BOOK SWAP LIBRARY Bring a book, take a book, share a story! ROTHERHAM PHILATELIC SOCIETY A friendly group for stamp collectors. Visitors welcome!
TUESDAY	7:00pm - 9:00pm (2nd & 4th week)	ART GROUP Come along and enjoy creativity, company and conversation.
WEDNESDAY	10:00am Coffee Mornings - 1st & 3rd Wednesday each month 6:30pm - 9:00pm (Weekly)	RAVENFIELD OLD PEOPLES SOCIAL FUND Friendship, chats and a cuppa - all welcome! INDOOR BOWLING Indoor bowling - everyone welcome!
THURSDAY	9:15am - 11:15am (Term time only) 1:30pm - 3:30pm (1st & 3rd) 7:00pm - 9:00pm (3rd Thursday of the month) 6:30pm (2nd Thursday of the month exc August)	TODDLER GROUP Toys, play, songs and fun for little ones and their carers. BRAMLEY TOWNSWOMEN GUILD Friendship and activities. RAVENFIELD LADIES FRIENDSHIP GROUP An evening of friendship and activities. RAVENFIELD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING Everyone welcome to attend.
FRIDAY	10:00am - 15:00pm (Weekly) 6:30pm - 9:00pm (Weekly)	SEWING GROUP Stitch, chat and share skills in a friendly setting. INDOOR BOWLING Indoor bowling - everyone welcome!
SATURDAY	2:30pm - 3:30pm (1st Saturday of the month)	LOST CHORD A singing group for everyone - all welcome!
SUNDAY	10:30am - 12:30pm (3rd Sunday of the month)	POP-UP CAFE Relax, meet friends and enjoy tea, coffee and cake.

Interested in joining?
For more information about any of our groups or how to get involved, please get in touch.

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A Royal Invitation for Councillor Brian Callear

Ravenfield Parish Council was delighted to nominate Councillor Brian Callear for the opportunity to attend a Royal Garden Party at Buckingham Palace in 2026, in recognition of his many years of dedicated service to Ravenfield and its residents.

Brian has lived in Ravenfield all his life and is a familiar face to generations of residents. Often described as a pillar of the community, he has served as a Parish Councillor for more than 12 years, including in the roles of Chairman and Vice Chairman.

Throughout that time, Brian has played an active part in numerous community projects, events and initiatives. His contribution, however, extends well beyond his formal Council duties. He has always been willing to lend a hand wherever needed, offering his time and practical support quietly and without seeking recognition.

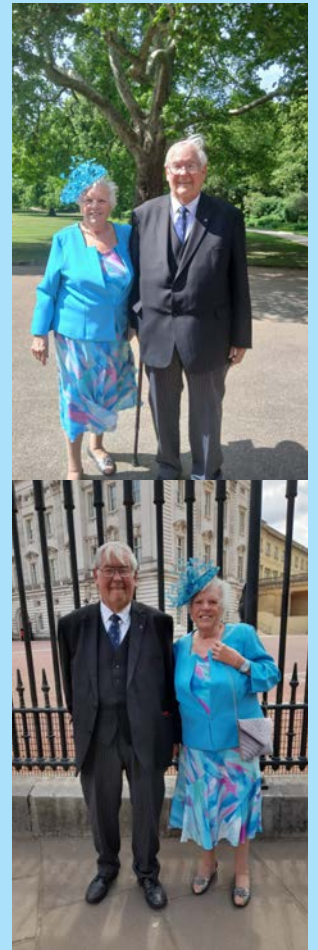
Brian is also an active Freemason and has supported charitable causes through his involvement, reflecting the same values of service, integrity and fellowship that he brings to his work within Ravenfield.

The Parish Council felt that Brian's longstanding commitment to the village made him an extremely deserving nominee. We were therefore thrilled to learn that Brian had been selected to attend the Royal Garden Party.

Earlier in May, Brian and his wife had the very special opportunity to attend Buckingham Palace.

The invitation was a wonderful and well-deserved acknowledgement of Brian's contribution to Ravenfield over many years.

Congratulations Brian - and thank you for everything you continue to do for our village and community!



Silverwood Colliery Heritage Group

Here is what The Silverwood Colliery Heritage Group have been up to so far this year.

On the 2nd February we held a very special service of remembrance at St Leonards Church in Thrybergh.

The service was to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the Silverwood Colliery Paddy Mail Disaster in which ten men were killed and 30 seriously injured.

The service was very well attended and was a very emotionally moving evening.

On Sat 28th March there was a special unveiling of our Silverwood Colliery Miniature Model at Clifton Park Museum.

The model was created by Lee Robinson of the BBC 1 series "The Marvelous Miniature Workshop" Lee came along to unveil the model and meet & greet members of the public who had watched the programme entitled "Mine"

A very enjoyable day was had by everyone who attended.

We have also made several school visits and held displays at a number of galas and mining services.

This December we will be holding our Remembering Silverwood Colliery at Christmas Service. The service will take place at St Leonards Church Thrybergh and will include music from the Maltby Miners Welfare Band and our big screen remembrance tribute montage. Look out for further details.

You can follow us on Facebook:
Silverwood Colliery Heritage Group.



A Great Community Celebration for St George's Day



Ravenfield Parish Hall was full of community spirit earlier this year when residents came together to celebrate St George's Day.

The event, held on Sunday 19 April, proved to be a great success, bringing people together for a relaxed and enjoyable morning of music, refreshments and good company.

Visitors enjoyed complimentary homemade cakes, bakes and refreshments, kindly prepared and served by members of the Ravenfield Community Plan Group, while Maltby Brass Band provided the musical entertainment and helped create a wonderful atmosphere throughout the morning.

The Parish Council would like to extend a sincere thank you to everyone who helped make the event possible, including the volunteers who gave their time to organise and support the celebrations and everyone who came along on the day.

We would also like to acknowledge and thank Voluntary Action Rotherham and Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council for the funding support received towards the event. Their assistance helped us to provide a free community celebration which everyone could enjoy.

And, of course, our thanks go to Maltby Brass Band for providing the entertainment and to the Ravenfield Community Plan Group for the wonderful selection of homemade cakes and refreshments.



Ravenfield Community Plan Group (RCPG)

The Ravenfield Community Plan Group (RCPG) is a registered charity that fundraises for local community projects and activities and is run by volunteers.



Want to know what we do? Come along to our next pop-up cafe and see. We are a registered food business with Rotherham Council and pride ourselves on the delicious homemade cakes we serve! It's a great time to catch up with your friends and neighbours while supporting a great cause.

- When: Third Sunday of the month 10.30am-12.30pm
- Where: Ravenfield Parish Hall
- Who: Everyone is welcome! Attending on your own, no problem, we have a chatty table where people can sit if they are happy to talk to other people.

Save the date: We have our regular festive pop-up cafe on Sunday 20th December 2026 where we will be joined by Maltby Miners Welfare Band. Please get in touch if you could donate an item for the Christmas raffle that's drawn at the event.

Bonus: Don't forget to check out the Bookswap Library while you're here! There is a fantastic selection of books to choose from.

Why it matters: Every penny raised by these cafés goes directly to the Ravenfield Community Plan Group to help fund local community initiatives.

Get Involved!

The RCPG committee meet regularly and they need your voice. Whether you can spare a couple of hours to help at the café, bake a cake or want to join the committee to help with organisation of activities, all residents are welcome.

Email: ravenfieldcommunityplangroup@outlook.com

Treasurer RCPG: Karen Jay July 2026

Jubilee Field - Please Help Us Look After Our Open Space

Jubilee Field is owned and managed by Ravenfield Parish Council for everyone in our community to enjoy. During annual tree maintenance, we regularly find garden waste and other materials dumped or hidden around the perimeter of the field.

Please do not leave garden waste or other materials on Jubilee Field, as the cost of removal is met by the Parish Council and ultimately by Ravenfield residents.

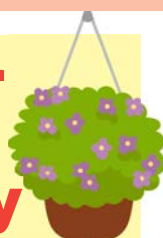
New signs have recently been installed reminding visitors not to leave materials on the field or build structures in the trees. This is to address health and safety concerns and help prevent materials being left behind.

Please help us keep Jubilee Field clean, safe and enjoyable for everyone.

Thank you for your cooperation.



Hanging Baskets - An Update on This Year's Display



You may have noticed that our hanging baskets appeared much later than usual this year. The baskets would normally be installed during the first week of June, ready to add colour to the village throughout the summer.

In April 2026, Rotherham MBC advised that hanging baskets could no longer be installed on lighting columns unless the columns had first undergone stress testing. This affected many Parish Councils across the borough and led to a number of discussions before RMBC agreed to subsidise the cost of the required testing.

Unfortunately, appointing a contractor and completing the testing took longer than anticipated, meaning our baskets could not be installed until the end of July.

Sadly, following the testing, RMBC identified a number of lighting columns as unsuitable for hanging baskets. This meant we were unable to use some of our usual locations and, as a result, there are fewer baskets around the village this year.

The good news is that the stress testing approval for the remaining columns is valid for three years, so we are hopeful there will be no similar delays over the next two years and that the baskets can return to their usual early June installation.

Thank you for your patience and understanding - we hope you have still enjoyed the splash of colour around the village this summer.

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Thank you for helping to keep Hollings Lane safe and accessible for everyone.

Woodlaithes Balancing Pond – An Update

For a number of years, Ravenfield Parish Council has been pursuing Persimmon Homes regarding its responsibilities for the management and maintenance of the Woodlaithes balancing pond. The matter has been escalated on several occasions, with support from John Healey MP and Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council.

The Parish Council remains in regular contact with Persimmon Homes and continues to raise concerns about the condition and appearance of the pond. We also regularly hear from residents who are concerned about the overgrown reeds and surrounding vegetation, the limited visibility of the water and damage to sections of the fencing.

Most recently, in May 2026, Parish Council representatives met on site with Persimmon Homes and its appointed contractor to review the maintenance work undertaken. Although the initial results appeared positive, reeds soon began to reappear, raising concerns about whether the dredging and clearance carried out had been sufficient.

The pond is an important wildlife habitat and feature of the Woodlaithes development, and the Parish Council wants to see it appropriately maintained in accordance with the arrangements put in place when the development was established.

Persimmon Homes has advised that residents with any questions or concerns regarding the pond can contact their Customer Care team directly:

Email: wyor.custcare@persimmonhomes.com | Telephone: 0330 551 1061

Residents are encouraged to report any concerns directly to Persimmon Homes, as this will help demonstrate the extent of the issues being experienced locally.

You are also welcome to continue contacting the Parish Council with your comments and concerns, so that we remain aware of the issues affecting residents.

The balancing pond remains a regular item on the Parish Council agenda, and we will continue to raise concerns, pursue improvements and keep residents updated.



Meet Your Parish Councillors

Did you know that Ravenfield's seven Parish Councillors are all volunteers? Together, they give their time to represent the community and help make decisions on matters affecting our village.

The Council elects its Chairman and Vice Chairman each year. In May 2026, Councillor Callear was elected Chairman, with Councillor Lilley elected Vice Chairman.

The next Parish Council elections are scheduled for May 2028, when parishioners will have the opportunity to elect their local representatives.

Contact details for all seven Councillors can be found on the back page of this newsletter.



RAVENFIELD TENNIS CLUB

A Village Gem – Back in Play!

What a difference a year makes!

In last year's parish newsletter, we shared our plans to breathe new life into Ravenfield Tennis Club - a much-loved part of the village that had sadly fallen quiet after many years at the heart of the community. This year, we're delighted to be able to say that tennis is well and truly back in Ravenfield!

Since reopening the courts, it has been wonderful to see people picking up their rackets and playing again. From complete beginners and families enjoying a game together, to experienced players returning to the sport, the courts are once again being used for exactly what they were intended for.

A Little Piece of Ravenfield History

The tennis courts have been part of village life since around 1952. For many years they were maintained by local volunteers and were home to summer tournaments, friendly matches and generations of Ravenfield residents enjoying tennis together. Preserving that history while creating a facility that can continue to serve the village for years to come remains incredibly important to us. More Than Just Two Tennis Courts Reopening was only the beginning. Our aim is to make Ravenfield Tennis Club a welcoming, accessible and sustainable community facility. Every court booking helps us work towards that goal, because the money generated by the courts is being put back into the facility to help maintain and improve it.

There is still plenty we would like to achieve. Future plans include continued improvements to the courts, eventual resurfacing, developing the clubhouse and looking at ways we can offer even more opportunities for people within the village to get involved.

We are also exploring ways of helping local players find other people to play with. We know that one of the biggest barriers to playing tennis isn't owning a racket — it's simply finding somebody to play!

Everyone Is Welcome

You don't have to be an experienced tennis player to use the courts. Whether you haven't played since school, are learning for the first time, want somewhere to play with your children, or simply fancy getting active outdoors, we'd love to see you.

The courts are available to book online, with both pay-as-you-play and membership options available.

Most importantly, we'd like to say a huge thank you to everyone who has booked a court, supported the club, shared our posts, offered encouragement or simply been pleased to see this little piece of Ravenfield history being brought back to life.

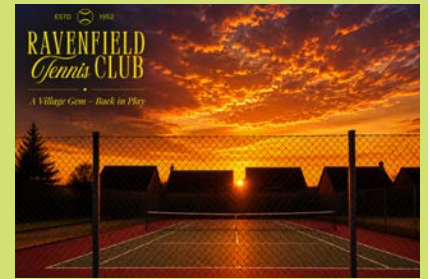
There is still work to do, but seeing rackets swinging, balls bouncing and people enjoying the courts again makes it all worthwhile.

Ravenfield Tennis Club is back — and we're only just getting started.

Find out more and book a court:
ravenfielddtennis.uk

Questions or need help with a booking? email: info@ravenfielddtennis.uk

Follow Ravenfield Tennis Club on Facebook & Instagram for news, availability and updates.



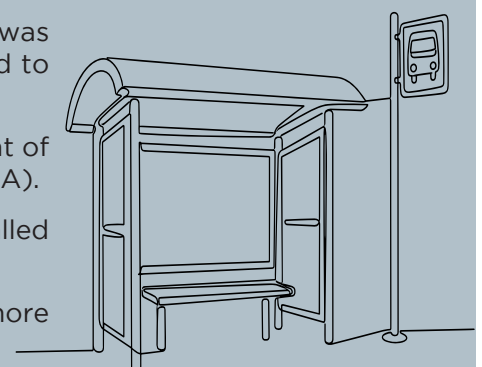
Bus Shelter – Hollings Lane

Residents may recall that the brick-built bus shelter on Hollings Lane was damaged following a road traffic accident in 2024 and subsequently had to be removed.

Since then, the Parish Council has continued to follow up the replacement of the shelter with the South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority (SYMCA).

We have now been advised that a new bus shelter is scheduled to be installed during the 2026/27 financial year.

We will continue to follow progress and provide further updates when more information becomes available.



Chairmans Report 2025/2026



There are two major issues impacting on the village at the moment. Firstly, the Whitestone Solar Farm. If approved and built it will be the largest one in England. We are told output is expected to be 750MW. The Parish Council is one of the consultees but to date we are less than impressed with the consultation process as are many others in South Yorkshire.

The other large issue continues to be the Redrow development. The number built so far triggered the improvement to the roundabout at the end of Brook Lane. What a prolonged and at times farcical set of works. Remember the telegraph pole in the third lane! Sadly, there is threat that more homes could be built on Moor Lane South due to a speculative application and a change in the Government's Planning Guidelines. We will keep you informed should this matter progress.

RMBC are conducting a boundary review as part of their statutory duties. This will be completed within the timescale of the Community Governance Review we were seeking about the boundary between Bramley and Ravenfield. Hopefully, common sense will prevail and Poppy Fields will be in Ravenfield where it should have been before building started.

There is good news too. Many charity events have been held in the Parish Hall, the Ravenfield Arms, the Long Bar and the Cavalier. We are clearly a generous lot. Attendance at the Remembrance Sunday event continues to increase. The Rubbish Rascals continue with their brilliant work. The Christmas Lights switch on was another smashing event and helps to brighten the village in the winter.

I should like to thank my fellow Councillors. They all bring their varied skills to the table. Thanks also to Sarah, our caretaker. Finally, thanks to Gemma, our Clerk. You may have noted she is now Gemma Needes having married last year.

Councillor David Rowley
(Chairman 2025-2026)



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Ravenfield Art Group

The 2025/26 year has been another successful one for the Ravenfield Art Group. We meet twice each month on the second and fourth Tuesdays at Ravenfield Parish Hall from 7.00-9.00 pm. The first meeting each month features a demonstration or workshop led by a visiting professional artist, while the second provides members with an opportunity to develop the techniques they have learned or work on their own projects.

We were delighted to welcome several new members during the year. However, because workshop space is limited, we continue to operate a waiting list. Those on the waiting list are invited to attend our demonstrations and lectures until a full membership place becomes available.

Our annual Art Exhibition, held in May, was once again a wonderful community event that benefited three local community groups. We received a record 312 entries, of which 108 were sold—our highest-ever number of sales. The exhibition attracted 356 visitors, who enjoyed not only the artwork but also live keyboard and saxophone music on both days. Refreshments were provided by the St James' Church (Ravenfield) group on the Saturday and the Ravenfield Community Plan Group on the Sunday. Visitors also enjoyed art demonstrations by Paul Freeman and Anthony Mashman, which proved to be a popular feature of the exhibition.

We are already looking forward to our 2027 Annual Art Exhibition, which is planned for the weekend of 8-9 May. We hope that local residents will make a note of the dates and continue to support this successful community event and everyone involved in making it possible.

Christmas Light Switch-On

The annual Christmas Light Switch-On took place on Friday 21 November 2025.

Following feedback from residents, the event was held a little earlier than usual, giving everyone more time to enjoy the village Christmas lights throughout the festive season.

The evening was a great success and was very well attended. The celebrations were made extra special by the children from Ravenfield Primary Academy, who performed a wonderful selection of songs alongside the lively Bramley Brass Band. A big thank you to all the children who took part and performed so brilliantly on the evening. Warm soup and drinks were also kindly provided by The Cavalier.

Ravenfield Primary Academy pupil Sienna Hartnell had the special honour of switching on the Christmas lights, transforming the crossroads into a wonderful festive display.

A special thank you goes to Rev. James who stepped in at short notice to act as our speaker for the evening and kept the event programme running smoothly. Our thanks also go to Pat from Bramley Brass Band for supporting the event and working with the school children in preparation for their festive performance.

We received some very positive feedback following the event. Thank you to everyone who helped with the arrangements, took part on the evening and came along to support it.

Earlier in the year, new power outlets were installed on the lighting columns to help prevent the water ingress experienced in previous years. We hope this improvement will help keep the lights shining throughout the festive period without the need for repairs.

Save the Date!

This year's Christmas Light Switch-On will take place on Friday 20 November 2026 at 6:30pm.

We hope you will join us for another festive evening and look forward to seeing you there!



Christmas Pantomime Returns to Ravenfield!

Last December, Chaplin's Pantos returned to Ravenfield Parish Hall with their production of "Red Riding Hood". The show proved extremely popular, with tickets selling out within just two days of going on sale.

The children thoroughly enjoyed the performance, joining in with all the traditional panto fun and helping to create a lively atmosphere throughout the evening. Thank you to everyone who came along and supported the event.

The pantomime was subsidised by Ravenfield Parish Council together with the Bramley and Ravenfield Ward Councillors, helping to keep ticket prices affordable for local families. Our thanks also go to the Ward Councillors for providing refreshments and snacks on the evening.

Following another successful year, we are pleased to confirm that Chaplin's Pantos will be returning to Ravenfield Parish Hall on Saturday 12 December 2026 at 5:30pm with this year's production of Goldilocks and the Three Bears.

Tickets will go on sale Monday 16 November 2026! Keep an eye out for posters and updates on our Facebook page for ticket information.



Ravenfield Remembers



Each November, Ravenfield comes together to remember and pay tribute to those who served and sacrificed, with residents, community groups and local organisations playing their part in our village commemorations.

In the weeks leading up to Remembrance Sunday, our lamppost poppies will once again appear along Braithwell Road, Hollings Lane, Moor Lane North and Moor Lane South. We also look forward to seeing the wonderful displays created by the Ravenfield Ladies Friendship Group, whose handmade poppies have become a much-appreciated part of Remembrance in the village.

Last year brought a particularly memorable addition when Thornberry Animal Sanctuary joined the commemorations with two miniature ponies, decorated with paper poppies handmade by children from Ravenfield and Maltby primary schools. It was a lovely example of different generations and organisations coming together to remember.



Sponsor a Poppy

Residents and local businesses will once again have the opportunity to sponsor a lamppost poppy for a minimum donation of £5, with all proceeds going directly to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

Sponsors can also include a personal message of remembrance, which will be displayed by the Parish Council. Further details, including sponsorship dates, will be announced nearer the time.

Last year, Ravenfield raised a fantastic £290 for the Poppy Appeal. Thank you to everyone who sponsored a poppy, donated or helped with the village displays – we hope to build on that success again this year.

Remembrance Sunday 8 November 2026

This year's Annual Remembrance Service will take place at the Memorial Stone on Moor Lane North on Sunday 8 November 2026.

Residents are invited to gather from 10:45am ahead of the service. Afterwards, everyone is warmly invited to Ravenfield Parish Hall for refreshments and an opportunity to come together as a community.

The Parish Council would like to thank everyone who supports Ravenfield's Remembrance commemorations, whether by attending the service, sponsoring a poppy, creating displays or helping behind the scenes.

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM.

Ravenfield Rubbish Rascals



This year our annual litter pick was on Saturday 28th March. We were delighted when our local MP John Healy joined us and stayed for the 2 hour duration.

There was a great turn out by volunteers, local people, children and 2 dogs.

A large amount was picked from the usual places, playing field, woods and around Silverwood, it was left at different pick up points for Streetpride to collect.

If anyone would like to join the team we will provide the necessary equipment. There is no schedule, our volunteers give their time as and when they choose, so if you have a bit of spare time please contact me. Many thanks to everyone who joins in to keep Ravenfield looking good.



Caz Evans Tel: 07758027745 | Email: caz.evans@icloud.com

The Cavalier Fun Day

On Saturday 25 July 2026, 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. Throughout the day there was live music. The rain stayed away this year which allowed everybody to enjoy the day outside. The village at its best!

Money in donations, raffles etc have not yet been totalled. The Rotherham Hospice will count and confirm a total figure.

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



2026/2027 Events Calendar



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

October 2026:

- Sponsor a Lamppost Poppy

November 2026:

- Sunday 8 November 2026 – remembrance Sunday, service at the Memorial Stone, Moor Lane North – refreshments served at the Parish Hall.
- Friday 20 November 2026: Christmas Light Switch on – Ravenfield Crossroads/The Cavalier.
- Sunday 29 November 2026 – Ravenfield Ladies Friendship Group – Christmas Fair, in Ravenfield Parish Hall

December 2026

- Saturday 12 December 2026. Goldilocks and the Three Bears, Mini Pantomime, Ravenfield Parish Hall.
- Sunday 20 December 2026 Christmas Pop-up Café (Maltby Brass Band), Ravenfield Parish Hall.

May 2027

- Saturday 8 May and Sunday 9 May 2027 - Ravenfield Art Exhibition, Ravenfield Parish Hall.

Bramley Townswomen Craft Group



Our group continues to thrive with new members joining this summer.

The ladies have been busy recently knitting incubator blankets and neo-natal hats for Jessops Maternity Unit. All of which have been very well received. We continue to supply Rotherham Women's Refuge, knitting garments, jumpers, cardigans, hats, mittens and scarves. We also take donations of canned and dried foods (for emergency meals), toiletries and other essential items for ladies who use their services.

Recently, Wendy, a worker at the refuge, came to collect all of these items and told us how grateful the recipients are.

The ladies who knit (often with donated wool) are now thinking about knitting winter garments.

As well as all of the above, we have been decorating fabric tote bags with beads, buttons, crochet and fabric paints. Each one unique, designed by the ladies themselves, all of them self-taught or helped by another member.

In August we rewarded ourselves with afternoon tea at the local garden centre and in September we are looking forward to a painting on glass demonstration. Who knows, it may be something you would like to try?? Why not come along, bring your own skill if you have something you would like to share or may find you have a hidden talent.

You do not have to be a member of the Townswomen Guild and there is no annual subscription. The entrance fee is £2, to pay for the cost of Hall hire and refreshments. We meet the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month, 1:30pm – 3:30pm. Come for a visit, have a “cuppa” and fun whilst helping local charities. Term starts in September.

Valerie Burgess.

Ravenfield Ladies Friendship Circle

(Ravenfield LFC)

Ravenfield Ladies Friendship Circle formed in 2024 after Ravenfield WI decided to close. It has over 20 members, the majority of whom live in Ravenfield.

We enjoy a variety of activities, events, talks and social evenings which are all suggested and agreed by members. These are the sessions we held so far this year:

January - *Kamalbir Singh Nandra (violinist) talk*
February - *Silverwood Colliery Heritage group talk (Reg & Sylvia)*
March - *Hedgehog rescue talk by Lynn*
April - *FIMO flower brooch*
May - *Social evening at The Longbar Ravenfield*
June - *How to start your own Bonsai tree talk*
July - *Tales of a Scilly Birder*
August - *Tai Chi session*



In March members enjoyed a meal at the Wharncliffe restaurant followed by a theatre trip to Rotherham Theatres to see the Maltby Musical Theatre group production of Sister Act.

In April we held a table top sale at Ravenfield Parish Hall.

We have a Christmas Craft Fair booked on Sunday, November 29th 2026, at the parish hall where we'll be selling lovely homemade gifts and treats.

For Remembrance Day we plan to display the knitted and crocheted red poppies that members made at the crossroads flowerbed area.

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

Chair of Ravenfield LFC: Karen Jay August 2026



RAVENFIELD OLD VILLAGE GARDEN SOCIETY

The Society has had another successful twelve months. Three well attended social events, have been held, the highlight being the summer event, where eighty local residents, and their friends, were entertained by vocalist Brogan Collins. Working parties have kept the borders on Church Lane, Main Street and Pingle Lane, looking attractive and the Society has employed Joseph Garden Services to maintain the grass verges on Main Street and Hooton Lane. The spring and summer floral displays, provided by Hobson Nurseries and the seasonal displays, over the Christmas period, by committee members and residents, in the planters situated around the village, were stunning, and enjoyed, not only by local residents, but also by visitors and those just passing through the village. The Society's thanks go to Ravenfield Parish Council, for providing funding towards the cost of these displays and also to Ward Councillors, Liz Duncan and Greg Reynolds, for supporting the Society's application for funding to replace ten of our planters, which volunteers from the Society, were able to carry out in early March.

Anyone on social media, can now follow the Society on:

X @RavenfieldGS
Instagram @ravenfieldgardensociety
Facebook Ravenfield Garden Society

The AGM will be held at 7.30pm on 23 October, at Temples' Barn on Church Lane.

For more information about the Society, please contact the secretary
Tel. 07753825279
or chair,
Jayne Knighton
Tel. 07957451055



Ravenfield Primary School

Highlights from Across the Year

Sporting Success Across the School - Our children have represented RPA brilliantly at a range of sporting tournaments this year. A particular highlight was the NFL Tournament — a completely new sport for both pupils and staff, which everyone had to learn at speed. Despite the challenge, our children showed outstanding teamwork, determination and sportsmanship. They were an absolute credit to Ravenfield Primary Academy.

Stay & Learn Sessions - We have held numerous Stay & Learn sessions throughout the year, and they have been incredibly well attended. Your engagement makes a huge difference: children love sharing their learning with you, and staff truly value the strong home-school partnership these sessions help to build.

Teaching Brought to Life - Our teachers have worked tirelessly to make learning meaningful, exciting and memorable. From immersive curriculum days to hands on experiences, they have gone above and beyond to bring teaching to life.



Ravenfield Primary School – PTA

Ravenfield Primary Academy Summer Fayre. The PTA at Ravenfield Primary Academy recently organised a fantastic Summer Fayre, bringing together children, families and the wider community for an afternoon of fun.

A Fantastic Afternoon

There was something for everyone to enjoy, including:

- Lots of lovely inflatables, kindly sponsored by the Parish Council
- A visit from the local fire engine
- A visit from the police
- Face glitter
- Games and activities
- Refreshments
- Plenty of fun and family time

The event was very well attended, and it was wonderful to see so many children, families and members of the community enjoying the afternoon together.

An amazing total raised

Thanks to the fantastic support from everyone who attended, the fayre raised an incredible: **£1,393.97!**

Every penny raised will go directly back into the school to benefit our children. The money will help fund things such as:

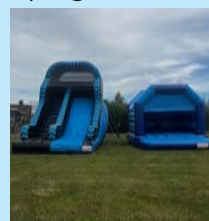
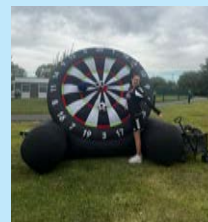
- New Design Technology (DT) equipment
- A new PE package
- Improvements to reading areas for EYFS
- Other resources and opportunities for our pupils

Thank you!

A huge thank you to the Parish Council for sponsoring the inflatables and helping to make the event such a success. We would also like to thank everyone who:

- Volunteered their time
- Donated prizes or refreshments
- Helped organise the event
- Supported the PTA
- Came along and enjoyed the fayre

It was a wonderful community event, well attended and enjoyed by all, and we are incredibly grateful for the support shown to Ravenfield Primary Academy.



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

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

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Clerk to the Parish Council
Gemma Needes



RAVENFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS 2025/2026

BOX	DESCRIPTION	YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026
1	Balances brought forward	£61,281
2	(+) Precept or Rates and Levies	£53,497
3	(+) Total other receipts	£15,312
4	(-) Staff costs	£29,124
5	(-) Loan interest/capital repayments	£9,362
6	(-) Total other payments	£27,674
7	(=) Balances carried forward	£63,930
8	Total value of cash and short term investments	£63,930
9	Total fixed assets and long term investments	£473,544
10	Total borrowings	£50,955

2025-26 Accounts

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