



REGULAR GROUPS IN SHELLEY				
YOUTH GROUPS	DAY	VENUE	TIME	CONTACT
Rainbows	Friday term time	Methodist Hall	5pm	www.girlguiding.org.uk
Brownies	Friday term time		6.15 - 7.45	
Guides			7.30 - 9.00	
Beavers (age 6-8)	Tuesday term time	Methodist Hall	6pm	
Cubs (8 - 10.5)	Tuesday term time	Village Hall	6pm	07812038724
Shelley Scouts	Tuesday term time	Methodist Hall	7pm	715858
Under 16 football	Various days	Storthes Hall		07756 10299
Under 13 cricket				602869
PRE-SCHOOL				
The Cabin HD8 Pre School and Out of School Club	Mon - Thursday	Cabin behind school	9am to 3.15pm	600519 info@the cabinhd8.co.uk
ADULT GROUPS				
Art Group	Tuesday	Village Hall	8 - 10pm	862083
Kirkburton District Probus Group	1st and 3rd Thursday of the month	Village Hall	10am	862007
Bridge Club	Wednesday	Village Hall	7pm	608192
Community Association	2nd Monday of the month	Village Hall	7.30pm	07821 8876362
Sequence Dancing	Wednesday	Village Hall	2pm	615032
Over 60's	M,T,W,TH,F	Various	Various	Sandra 608214
Pilates	M,T,W,Th	Village Hall	Various	07980 110868
Yoga	Wednesday	Village Hall	11.30 - 12.30	07979370323
Pierrot Players	Various	Various		07790 499502
Cricket Club	Thurs & Sat			07891 704009
Ukelele Group	Monday	Village Hall	1.30-3pm	07884 210861
Gentle exercise and Well being	Monday	Village Hall	10.30-11.30	07737 688837
Zumba	Tuesday	Village Hall	10-11am	07713 510910
Friendship Café	1st and 3rd Friday of the month	Village Hall	2 - 4pm	07517704427
Village Hall Booking Secretary	Carol Rowatt	Bookings-shelleyvillagehall@outlook.com		07901 701868
Please check with the contact numbers above about the current situation regarding activities				
LIBRARY OPENING TIMES			Tel 01484 414868	
KIRKBURTON Mon 2 - 5 Tuesday 2 - 6 Wednesday 10 - 3 Friday 2 - 5 Saturday 10 - 12.30			SHEPLEY Monday 1 - 5 Thursday 10 - 1 and 2 - 5 Friday 2 - 5 and Sat 10 - 12	



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Our Community Association is clearly working hard for the benefit of us all in Shelley. I am surprised at the reference in the CA minutes on this page to controlled drugs being found in a local animal. This does not, of course, prove that these drugs were in use in our village as the dog could have picked these traces elsewhere. It does, however, remind us that we are not immune or shielded from illegal drug use, and that it is a reality that we all share. Drug related crime is such a serious matter and that's one reason why it might be important to attend the Neighbourhood Watch meeting at the Village Hall on November 9th.

On a different and more positive note, the 2026 Autism Community Programme (page 7) offering our neuro-divergent young people support and advice will be delivered from Shelley Village Hall. This positive action recognises the needs of our young people, but also serves as a reminder diversity can be acknowledged and grown, and that difference does not mean weakness – just difference.

Please send all articles intended for submission to shelleymag@hotmail.com or to one of the editors:

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The deadline for the submission of articles is the 12th of each month. Please note that the opinions and articles in the magazine are not necessarily those of the editors. The editors reserve the right to edit / abbreviate as necessary. Please ensure that you always give your name and a means of contacting you on any item intended for publication. It is not our policy to publish anonymous copy, although names may be withheld on request. Please aim to limit letters to around 400 – 450 words.

SHELLEY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Minutes of meeting held on Mon 14th Sept 2026
17 residents attended incl P Cllr Ray Bray, Martin Kenworthy from Safer Kirklees and two Community Police Officers. We thank them very much for coming along.

Our congratulations to Walter Astin on reaching the milestone birthday of 100 years young. Walter spent much of his working life on Far Bank as an engraver and much of his retirement years as Chair of Shelley Over 60s. Happy Birthday Walter.

General Report:

Healey Greave Woods – Intrusive biking and anti-social behaviour

Local residents have become alarmed at the rise of young people entering the woods- generally at teatime with younger children on pushbikes being replaced by older youngsters on cross bikes and motorbikes. Bike tracks are becoming dangerous for those on foot and there is evidence of solvent abuse. A family dog was rushed to the vets where fentanyl and ketamine were detected in the urine. There is a safeguarding issue here and we are informed that people are becoming reluctant to walk in these woods.

Kirklees and West Yorkshire Police are aware of these concerns and were most helpful in suggesting ways our community could tackle this rise in anti-social behaviour.

The local residents will team up with Shelley Conservation and Environment Group to pursue funding and to target this particular problem. They will liaise with Gary Wilkinson the newly appointed Volunteer Co-Ordinator for Parks. Local residents are asked to report any sightings of nuisance bikes and behaviour to the Police, including a description of the bikes, by calling 101 or reporting on-line under 'Nuisance Motorbikes'. Safer Kirklees will investigate the possibility of 'Safety Gates' to deter larger bikes but there is a question of access to Bridleways (3m access required), public rights of way and of course a financial implication – these gates are £1,600 a piece at last count.

When we have more information back we will open up the CA meeting to allow greater involvement from everyone, especially those using these woods.

Penistone Line Project -still at Consultation stage

Zebra Crossing on Penistone Road – this also is causing great concern to those using this crossing. Lynn Parsley is pursuing with our Ward Cllrs as the beacon remains unlit and the crossing



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of July

AOB: We were informed bat surveys have taken place in fields behind Park Avenue

Date of next meeting: Mon 12th October at 7.30 in Shelley Village Hall – every resident is a member and those with an interest in Shelley are all very welcome to bob along..there is no commitment to attend regularly.

is wearing away with little markings to be seen. This is unfair to pedestrians and motorists and lit beacons are a legal requirement. MP Jade Botterill is writing to Kirklees and Safer Kirklees will report to Kirklees Road Safety Committee. Residents can raise concerns on-line to Kirklees Road Safety.

Working Together Better is a free ten week programme aimed at 16+ young people to foster confidence and support coming to Shelley in the autumn. Poster printed in Magazine.

Free upcoming presentations in Shelley Village Hall:

Wildlife and Rural Crime Officer PC Caroline Newsome Tues 29th Sept at 2pm

Protect Your Home – free advice event from WYP Neighbourhood Watch and local Police Community Support Officers – practical tips and suggested gadgets – some given out free at event – Mon 9th Nov 6 -7.15pm

Treasurer's Report: Accounts finalised and submitted.

Village Hall Report: Three quotes received for solar panels on the Mercer Room roof. Extinguishers serviced with PAT testing arranged, boiler service and annual roof inspection. Outside noticeboard on-going.

Environment Report: The Bamboo on the Whins is to be removed by Kirklees at the end of September. Many thanks were given to David Rowatt for pursuing this matter and for meeting with Gary Wilkinson of Kirklees who is to arrange this .It is a real relief to many!

David also showed Gary the path eroding at the top of the Whins and the rubbish accumulating at the rear of some houses. This constitutes fly-tipping. Please can we respectfully remind folk who live near our beautiful open spaces that these spaces are cared for with help from the community for the benefit of all Shelleys and as a wildlife habitat. Please consider joining SCEG if you wish to help.

The ivy climbing the wall under the Village Hall was also removed by SEF at the request of SCA and vegetation strimmed back. Shelley Educational Foundation hope to have a twice-yearly maintenance programme here.

Social and Community Events: We were told of upcoming events this month plus a Barn Dance on 3rd October and the Pierrot Players next production 28th-31st October both in SVH.

Garden Festival 2027 – we are exploring this with usual dates between end of June and beg



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ON: Monday 9th November 2026

AT: SHELLEY VILLAGE HALL

TIME: 6pm to 7.15pm.

Get advice on all aspects of how to protect your home

Come along and meet your WYP Neighbourhood Watch contact and local Police Community Support Officers at this community advice event with lots of practical tips and suggested gadgets and gizmos to make your home safer as nights draw in.





SHELLEY PARISH CHURCH

Services October 2026

Sunday:

4th A Harvest Celebration Service at Cumberworth Church at 11.15, followed by a lunch of soup and rolls, everyone welcome. (no service at Emmanuel)

11th 18th 25th Emmanuel 9.30a

Wednesday:

October 14th and 28th a short service of Holy Communion at Emmanuel Church, followed by refreshments and a chat everyone welcome. If you need a lift to the Wednesday services, please ring Carol Robertshaw.

Bible Study Course a short course will be held at Emmanuel Church Thursday the **15th and 29th** October at 1.30. This will run fortnightly everyone welcome

Service times correct at time of going to press. Check on church web site for up-to-date information: www.emmanuelchurchshelley.co.uk

Church Contacts

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07920687157

Baptisms & Weddings

Carol Robertshaw 01484 860657

Funerals Stephen Hughes 01484 605755

Living in a rural area like this, it's easy to see the relevance of a Harvest Festival. Well, the truth is, Harvest comes within a greater celebration called Creationtide. At Church we set aside the whole of September to think about creation.

No matter what your beliefs are, or even if you have any, there can be no hiding from the fact that what we see around us, is nothing short of a miracle.

Let me explain; isn't it amazing that each one of us is different? Humanity, of which the internal workings of cells, organs, emotions etc are all the same in each of us, and yet, we are so radically different. What is it that makes some people love coffee and others tea, some rock music and others classical, some academic and others practical? What makes me, me and you, you is creationally genius. But if we think of the animal

kingdom; they still have the same internal workings, we all eat, sleep, and play, but the sheep, with it's curly wool, looks and works different from the scaly snake. What makes a turnip different to a carrot? And what about the fish, the birds, the plants, the seas, the mountains etc, etc? There are so many similarities and yet so many differences.

Christians believe that God the creator made all of this and if we are made in the image of God, then we are also creative. Look around at the things that we can achieve when we set our minds to a project and how we work alongside others to make things happen.

I thank God that we are all gloriously different and yet magnificently alike. I need people who can do the things that I can't, so that we compliment each other. We were never meant to live in isolation from one another.

As the dark nights draw in and the colder weather creeps up on us, spare a thought for those who are isolated and will become more so in the winter. Remember our similarities and differences and live in relationally with all.

This is what we celebrate at this time of year!

With blessings Rev Lindsey Barber





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SHELLEY METHODIST CHURCH

Services for October 2026

4th Harvest Festival - Revd. Tim Francis - 10.30am
 11th Communion Service - Revd. H. Johnson - 10.30am
 18th - Mrs A. Sharpe - 10.30am
 25th - Steward led Service - 10.30am

Harvest Festival - Sunday October 4th 2026 - 10.30am

Everyone is invited to join us to celebrate the Harvest 2026. We will be collecting dry and tinned goods for the Welcome Centre as usual. No fresh foods please. Donations can be brought to the service or left in the Church Hall for collection. Thank you.



FROM OUR MP IN PARLIAMENT

As a long, hot Summer draws to a close, Parliament has returned from Recess, so I'm writing this on the train down to London.

This is my third time heading down to Westminster after Summer, and it is always bittersweet. You get that 'back to school' feeling and the chance to really get to work delivering the important legislation our country needs, but I miss getting the chance to spend quality time in our area, close to friends, family, and that proper Yorkshire sense of community.

That's why I spent as much time as possible in our community in August, attending amazing community events across our area. I attended the fabulous Farm Fest at the Farmer's Boy in Shepley, and headed down to the Denby Dash, where I was especially pleased to see almost 100 young people racing in the Denby Gallop!

I also hosted a Coffee Morning in the Village Hall. Over tea and biscuits, we discussed issues ranging from specific potholes to geopolitics, and I have been raising the concerns of local residents since.

Slightly further afield, I've been speaking to residents and community groups about returning water sports to Pugneys Country Park. Having heard from sports organisations, I launched a survey of residents, and found clear support for bringing back water sports from people in Kirklees and Wakefield. I have since met with Wakefield Council to see if we can work together to bring watersports back!

Since being back in Parliament, I have also been raising the issues that matter to local people, including concerns that have been shared with me about fireworks regulation. During the recent heatwave, I urged people to think twice about using fireworks due to increased wildfire risk, but the problems with firework use run deeper.

That's why I have met with Minister Kate Dearden to discuss the impact that antisocial firework use is having on veterans, parents, and pets. She was really receptive to the concerns of local residents, which will be fed into the Government's consultation into the issue.

If you have views on this or other issues, or there are problems my team and I can help with, do get in touch as jade.botterill.mp@parliament.uk



KIRKLEES COUNCIL REPORT

The evenings are drawing in and all of a sudden the after tea walks have come to an end for the next few months.

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Working Together Better Partnership - taking care of minds in Kirklees.

AUTUMN 2026 COMMUNITY PROGRAMME

A New **FREE** 10-Week Programme
Starting October 2026
Denby Dale Ward

For young adults and neurodiverse people looking to:

- ✓ Build confidence
- ✓ Learn new skills
- ✓ Improve wellbeing
- ✓ Meet new people
- ✓ Access support

Creative Workshops | Confidence to Work | Mindfulness | Advocacy | Young Carers Support & More

Denby Dale Library
Skelmanthorpe Community Centre
Shelley Village Hall

Programme Launching Soon

For more info about the **Working Together Better Partnership** visit our website:
<https://www.workingtogetherbetter.org.uk>

LETTERS

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It's better when I'm dancing!



with Tricia

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lovely orange cover!' Fortunately,

SHEPLEY WI

Well, the year is turning quickly, and the nights are drawing in, but that hasn't stopped our clubs from getting up to their usual activities.

Whilst our Strollers took a rest over the late summer period, Striders recently embarked on an adventurous trail around Holme. As the main footpath was unexpectedly closed, we followed a lesser used, much muddier but very pretty track alongside a beck, eventually coming up into Holme village to sample delicious coffee and pastries at The Fleece, before a slightly soggy return to the car park.



As to be expected, our stalwart Crafts and Crumbs members have already started experimenting with ideas for (dare I say it?)

Christmas gifts and decorations, including cheerful Christmas tree bunting, made from scraps of recycled festive fabric.



Our Book Club members embraced a seasonal theme at their recent monthly meeting, sharing a range of books with an autumnal connection- some

slightly more tenuous than others, with comments such as, 'Well, I brought this along as it has a

we don't take ourselves too seriously and enjoy the tea and cake as much as the literary discussion.

Our next members' meeting will be our Annual General Meeting at 7.30pm on Wednesday 21st October, when our members will not only officially mark the 45th anniversary of Shepley WI, but discuss and vote on its future. Whilst we are in many ways a very strong, successful group with 44 members currently, unfortunately most of us have 'served our time' on the committee (some doing several stints over the years!) and many members have other commitments which prevent them from stepping up. Consequently, at the time of writing, we are unable to confirm that we will have a new committee to take the group forward from November.

The timing of our AGM is after the deadline date for submission of the November magazine article (10th October), meaning that the result of the voting will not be published until our December article, but, whatever the outcome, we will keep you informed!





SHELLEY OVER 60S - OCTOBER 2026

Barn Dance - Saturday October 3rd 2026

We are holding a Barn Dance in the Village Hall on Saturday October 3rd. Tickets are £10 and are available from Melanie Hawthornthwaite on 01484 602341 or from the Club. A Bar will be available but bring your own supper if required.

Hanging Baskets - Far Bank in Bloom 2026

Thanks again to all who have sponsored baskets for this year's Far Bank in Bloom. Thank you in particular to Gail Tinker for helping getting them organised and collecting the sponsorship. We would like to thank the following for kindly sponsoring baskets:-

Carol Hirst, Kirkburton Parish Council, Mrs F Fieldsend, Graham Collins, Mr & Mrs J Ewart, S.C.A., Shelley Conservation Group, Mr & Mrs B Sheffield, Mr & Mrs A Broadbent, Melanie Hawthornthwaite, Janet Brook, Mr & Mrs D Edinburgh, Mr & Mrs I Burkinshaw, Shelley Village Hall, Natalie Laidlaw, Ros Roughton, Mr & Mrs R Burnham, Mr & Mrs P Robinson, Gail Tinker & Steven Swallow, Simmone Appleyard-Peace and Brian Peace, Graham Firth, Mr & Mrs J Rotchell and Mr & Mrs J Priestman.

Baskets have also been hung in memory of Joyce Booth, Ivy Kirby, Jack Craven, Margaret Robb-Webb, Jo Morrison, Amy Womersley, Phillipa Delamere, Hilary Turner, Sandra Mellor, Brian Hudson, John Cook and John Keaveney; members who all sadly passed away in the last year.

Coffee Day - Tuesday 25th August 2026

Thanks to everyone who attended, donated prizes, bought a ticket or supported the event in any way in what proved to be another successful day. Thank you also to all who helped out on the day. The winning ticket numbers in the prize draw were:-

1st Prize: Shark Cordless Vacuum Cleaner went to no. **3671**

2nd Prize: Pennine Garden Centre £50 voucher went to no. **2551**

3rd Prize: A £30 voucher for a meal at the Woodman Inn went to no. **2851**

4th Prize: Afternoon Tea at Dearne Lea went to no. **3201**

5th Prize: £20 worth of O60s Vouchers went to no. **2471**

To collect your prize phone Carol on 07763149249 or call in with your winning ticket to one of our regular Thursday meetings.

Wednesday Evening Garden talks

Our 2026 Gardening talks and demonstrations will resume this autumn on Wednesday evenings at the Methodist Hall. These will be held on Wednesday September 30th, October 28th and November 25th from 7.00pm. For more details contact Carol on 07763149249.

Let's Sing Together - Wednesday October 14th 2026 - 7.30pm

Join us at Shelley Sports & Social Club and sing along with our guitar group led by Peter Newton. You don't need to be a great singer and no-one will be listening to you, we'll provide the lyrics and you can join in as much as you want, or just listen and enjoy the show. Admission is £3 and the fun begins at 7.30pm. Contact Ian on 01484 604419 for tickets or more details.

Local History - Wednesday 4th November 2026

Our next Local History Evening will be held at the Methodist Hall on Wednesday 4th November at 7.30pm. Contact Carol on 01484 60383 for more information.

O60s Minibus-Would you like to be a volunteer driver or assistant ?

On Thursdays we hire one of the Denby Dale Community minibuses to transport members to and from the Village Hall and on Fridays to take them to Morrison's. If you could help as an assistant on, or even drive one of these buses and would like to volunteer, then contact Melanie Hawthornthwaite on 01484 602341.

O60s Mini-bus Draw The August draw winning number was 272. The October draw will take place on the 29th. Winning numbers can be accessed at www.shelleyover60s.org.uk/minibus-draw





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SHEPLEY HEALTH CENTRE FLU & COVID VACCINATIONS 2026

Help us keep Shepley healthy this winter

The colder months will soon be here, and it's time to get winter ready. Our flu and COVID vaccination clinics are here to help protect you this winter.

If you are eligible for a free NHS flu and/or COVID vaccination, we would love you to have your vaccination here at Shepley Health Centre.

**OUR MAIN VACCINATION CLINIC • SATURDAY 3RD
OCTOBER 2026**

We also have other vaccination dates available for those who cannot attend our main clinic.

THERE IS NO NEED TO GO ELSEWHERE

We have enough flu and COVID vaccines for all eligible Shepley Health Centre patients. Please support your local GP practice and have your vaccinations with us.

Shepley Health Centre

Keeping our local community healthy this winter

TIME TO TALK

Information, support and a friendly chat for people living with dementia and their carers

Shepley Health Centre is pleased to introduce Time to Talk, a regular opportunity for our patients living with dementia, and their carers, to come together in a relaxed and welcoming environment.

Whether you would like to find out more about dementia, access information and support, share experiences or simply have a chat, you are very welcome.

Thursday 15th October 2026, 2:00pm – 4:00pm

Thursday 12th November 2026, 2:00pm – 4:00pm

THEN THE THIRD THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH

• 2.00PM – 4.00PM

STARTING THURSDAY 15TH OCTOBER 2026

Please note there will be no session in December

SHEPLEY HEALTH CENTRE – HEALTH EDUCATION ROOM

For Shepley Health Centre patients living with dementia and their carers.

Come along to Time to Talk.

Family Ceilidh
The Stean Cottage Band
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Sat 10th Oct 2026
7.30pm to 10.30pm
Shelley Village Hall
Fundraising event for Scouts International Trips
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