

December 2025 January 2026

# Hellaby Newsletter



**Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year  
To all our Hellaby Residents**



You may well recognise your house on one of these sets of photos which we sneaked around Hellaby and took during December 2024.

As you can see, there were many spectacular displays.

Don't forget about the competition for this Christmas season! (See below)

### Christmas lights competition.

For just a bit of Festive fun, we will be holding a Christmas lights competition throughout December, so make sure you do what you can to make your homes look festive. Decorate your windows, front gardens or both, whichever you can manage.

Make sure you give your Parish councillors a difficult task in judging who will win the prize for the prettiest display as they walk round the whole of the village.!

**A prize for the winner and two runners up!**

As a special treat for Hellaby children, Santa will be making his usual practise run on his special sleigh around the village on **Sunday 14th December at around 5.00 pm.**

Please make him welcome and happy by looking out for him and his helpers on his tour around Hellaby and give him a friendly wave!



Don't forget about this event for Hellaby children or Grandchildren aged up to 11 years of age at Hellaby Centenary Hall.

**ALL CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A RESPONSIBLE ADULT.**

**Sunday 7th December  
Between 1.30pm and 3.30 pm.  
Tickets £2.00**

Collect from Kath Thomas on 07711839522

- Santa's Grotto with a chance to meet Father Christmas and receive a gift
- Christmas games and festive activities.
- A drink and a biscuit



PhotoGrid

### Halloween Party

The Halloween party afternoon on 30th October was a great success (as you can see from the photo montage below) with lots of young children filling the hall with laughter and fun and bringing the room into life. Everyone was enthusiastically taking part in the activities and it was lovely to see the event so well attended.

A massive thank you goes to Alison and some other helpers from Flux Rotherham and Early Help who organised and ran the event along with members of the Parish Council who also helped to clear up at the end!



### INFORMATION

Please note the **website** for the Parish Council is [Hellabyparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://Hellabyparishcouncil.gov.uk)

General contact details for the Parish Council  
Clerk@hellabyparishcouncil.gov.uk

For any enquiries about community hall bookings please send an email to [Clerk@hellabyparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:Clerk@hellabyparishcouncil.gov.uk)  
Or phone Kate Butler - Interim Parish clerk on: 07307448451

Help needed in articles for future newsletters please!

If you have any interesting photos or articles about the locality, please send to [hellabynewsetter@live.co.uk](mailto:hellabynewsetter@live.co.uk)

### Elderly Brothers evening

This was an event held jointly by the Community Group and Parish Council on Saturday 15th November. It was well attended and very much enjoyed by everyone in the room, including the band themselves, who played a selection of well known rock songs from the '60s, 70s and 80s skilfully on bass, lead and backing guitar a selection of well known rock songs over the course of 2 hrs 30 minutes.



Despite being named 'The elderly Brothers', it just goes to prove the stamina and enthusiasm that people of a certain age still have!!! They will be back!!!

We would be really delighted if some of the younger residents would care to make some suggestions and help us to organise an event that they would enjoy. Please get in touch with the community group or the Parish Council if you think you could help us out with ideas and support with this.

### Remembrance Day service and poppies in Hellaby.



Here are a few photos of the poppy display around the entrance to Hellaby's Centenary hall, which was kindly put up by Kath Thomas, Anne Markham and Maggie Peart. The photos are also of the Remembrance Day Service at St Francis Church Brantley, where Bob Thomson proudly presented a wreath at Brantley Cenotaph on behalf of all Hellaby Residents.

Other photos include the procession from the church to the cenotaph and back, where some of the local Scouts, Cubs and Beavers were proud to join in the church service and procession. This included some Hellaby children.

### Parish Council Meeting Dates for 2026

Monday December 1st	7pm
Monday January 5th	7pm
Monday February 2nd	7pm
Monday March 2nd	7pm
Monday April 6th	7pm
Monday May 4th	7pm
Monday June 1st	7pm



# Councillor's Corner

Happy December, Hellaby residents.

Previously we said that we would get back to you with some idea of the results of the Survey we compiled sent out along with the Community Group and on the back page of this newsletter you can see the first part of the information gathered. As you will see, hanging baskets and events for a wider variety of age groups at Hellaby Centenary hall came high up the list.



In the last 3 months we have held or organised two events specifically for children and also a few events for any other members of community to attend. As you will see at the bottom of the short write up about the Elderly Brothers, we have sent out a plea for some help with good suggestions, help and support from residents of a younger age, so that together the Community Group along with the Parish Council can try to organise some events more aimed towards those age groups.

As you will all be able to see, this year, Hellaby Parish Council has ordered a Christmas tree for the Parish and we would like to thank Wendy and Ian Frost for transporting the tree to the hall and Peter Thomas for being the brainbox instrumental in getting it in the pot and well and truly secured! Other parish councillors were on hand to help and to decorate the tree along with our son Ben, a very kind family member!

The tree will hopefully make up in some way for the fact that at the moment we are unable to provide the hanging baskets, due to the expense of the planted baskets and the regular watering of them and also the specialised brackets which we are told that we have to use to fasten them to lamp posts. We are, however, currently looking into the costing of providing some other type of floral decoration to make the entrance into Hellaby prettier and more welcoming during spring / summer 2026.

You will see in this newsletter information about recently held events for children and adults, which have had really good attendance, which makes the hard work of the Community Group and the Parish Council worthwhile and we hope that during 2026 this will spread to an even wider group of residents.

During 2025, we have had yet more proposals for building thrust upon Hellaby. Through the Face book Community site and WhatsApp 'Neighbours of Hellaby Development Updates' section, various people are trying their best to keep you informed, as much as possible. Please keep a check on these sites if you want to put your opinions to Rotherham. Obviously the Parish Council keep sending in their comments, our Ward Councillors Simon Ball and Lynda Stables are trying to do what they can to support us as a community as is our local MP for Rother Valley, Jake Richards and also Alex Stafford, our previous MP, but it is important that we as Hellaby individuals make our feelings clear as well, so that the local planning board are in no doubt about the strong sense of feeling concerning these proposed changes to our village.

Please see on the back page the results of the first 2 questions from the recent survey which was produced by the Parish Council to include issues and ideas for the Parish Council and Community group to try and work on to improve Hellaby for the future. More will be shared in the next newsletter and on the website, which is still currently being renewed and will hopefully be properly up and running very soon.



Hope you all stay fit and well and that you have a lovely Festive Season.  
Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year 2026 to you all.



## The link for any issues with inconsiderate parking:

<https://www.rotherham.gov.uk/xfp/form/222>

## The link to our local police team contacts:

<https://www.southyorks.police.uk/find-out/your-neighbourhood-policing-team/rotherham-south/>

## Jake Richards—MP for Rother Valley contact details:

Email: [jake.richards.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:jake.richards.mp@parliament.uk)

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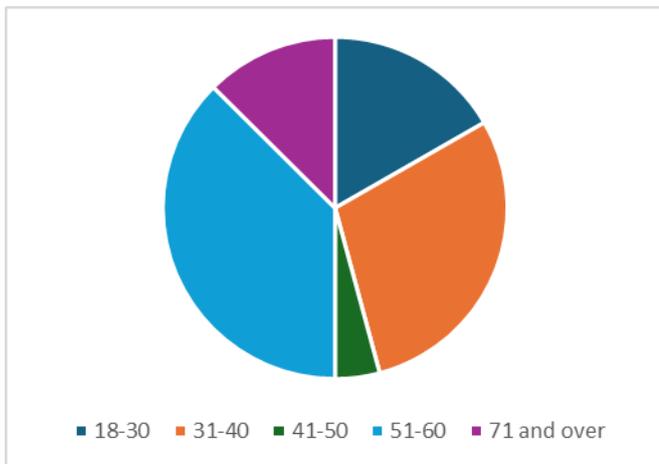


**Some of the results from the survey we carried out earlier in the year**

(We will add more results in the next newsletter and put the whole set of results on the Parish Council website.)

**Residents Consultation information**

**Q1. What age group are you?**



**Q2. What would you ideally like for the improvement of Hellaby?**

A renewed effort to have a voice for young people, younger people on the Council
General maintenance of footpaths
Reduction of traffic
Climbing frame for toddlers
Bench on Bawtry Road/Green Hill corner
Traffic lights to get out of the estate from Greenhill Avenue
More facilities for children
Less through traffic
Decorate the main road as Maltby & Wickersley do with flower baskets, Christmas decorations and poppies on lamp posts.
A few more flower boxes
Speed Bumps
Fitness Classes
Street fayres like we had for VE Day – great community spirit

Obviously as a very small Parish Council, we do not receive *anywhere near* the amount of funding which much larger parishes such as Maltby and Wickersley receive. Regarding road and traffic issues, we can only keep asking, as the responsibility for these issues rests with Rotherham Council and we have no control over these issues, but we do keep 'bending ears' on behalf of the community.

**Dates For Your Diary**



All Events are held at Hellaby Centenary Hall unless stated otherwise:

**Please Note all bookings are on an hourly rate.**

Craft Club-Monday 1pm

Dog Training-Monday 6pm (Except 1st Monday of the month)

Scout Group-Tuesday 8pm—9:30 pm

Burlesque-Wednesday 6:30pm—7:30pm

Burlesque-Sunday- 5pm-6pm

Music Bugs-Thursday 10 am -1100 am

Music Bugs-Thursday 11am -1200

Karate-Thursday 6pm-7pm (Juniors)

Karate-Thursday 7pm-9pm (Seniors)

Radio Club - Friday 7pm-9pm

**Coffee Mornings:**

Tuesday 2nd December

Tuesday 16th December

Tuesday 6th January

Tuesday 20th January

**Next Community Group Meeting:**

Tuesday 9th December 7 pm

Tuesday 12th January 7pm

**Next Parish Council meeting :**

Monday 1st December 7 pm

(Ward Councillors generally available 6—7 pm)

**Litter Pick:**

*Any offers of help would be very much appreciated. The group of volunteers now consists of a maximum of 1 or 2*



***Please ... help us to make Hellaby Newsletter more interesting!***

Does anyone else have any interesting stories of Hellaby's past or any other interesting information?

Such as:

Hellaby news, photos of Hellaby, significant birthdays or celebrations, recipes, short stories, adverts or poems?

Please send to [hellabynewsletter@live.co.uk](mailto:hellabynewsletter@live.co.uk)