

# February 2026



## Hellaby Newsletter



*A Happy New Year 2026 to all Hellaby Residents*

### Christmas lights competition.

A huge thank you to all the residents who took part in the Christmas Lights Competition.

You gave the Parish councillors a really tough task in judging who would win the prize for the display as we walked up and down the village streets...

In the end we couldn't decide on an outright winner so decided to give equal prizes to:

53 Barrie Grove for the fun display loved especially by children...it couldn't be missed and will never be forgotten!!! (top left)

The Wedding shop on Bawtry Road for a beautiful display in the shop window and outside. (Top right)

34 Parkstone Crescent for a lovely traditional display inside and out which made you feel all cosy and warm. (Bottom left)

12 Greenhill Avenue, for an eye-catching display with lots of colour and variety. (Bottom right)

*Thank you everyone for making the village so much fun to live in.*



### INFORMATION

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

General contact details for the Parish Council  
[Clerk@hellabyparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto: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

### Are you at home on Monday afternoons ?

Why not come and join us. Have a chat, play board games, help with a jigsaw, bring your own craft to work on (knitting, crochet, painting, colouring, beading etc). Everyone is welcome, particularly our elderly residents. Occasionally we will have a quiz, a speaker or a demonstrator. It is 1-3pm on Mondays and costs £3 including tea/coffee and biscuits.

For any information regarding the community group or Facebook phone: Kath Thomas, the Chair Person, on 07711839522

### Pea and Pie Supper



To reserve tickets please contact Kath Thomas on 07711839522

21st February at 7pm  
At Hellaby's Centenary Hall

There are a limited number of tickets, which always sell fast, so make sure you get yours ASAP. Lily's delicious meat pie is on offer, along with a veggie option. Cost £12.50 per ticket.

The evening also includes fun activities, such as Bingo and a Quiz. A great opportunity to meet up with your neighbours.

**Q3. What type of event/classes/activities would you like to see at the Centenary Hall**

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| Craft Classes                                 |
| Celebration event for Hellaby residents       |
| Slimming Club                                 |
| Toddler group/playgroup                       |
| Evening exercise classes                      |
| Anything that will bring the village together |
| Table top sales                               |
| Tai Chi                                       |
| Music Events                                  |
| Food based events like a mini farmers market  |
| More children or family events                |
| Something for children                        |

**Q4. What day and time of day would you consider to be ideal for a club/activity?**

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| Saturday                                   |
| Weekends around 10am                       |
| 4-7pm Weekdays, anytime weekends           |
| Saturday evenings or Sundays               |
| Mornings – early afternoons                |
| Evenings would be best for people who work |
| Depends on the activity                    |
| Mid-week evening                           |

**Q5. What sort of club would you be interested in?**

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| Crafts, Reading, Baking                 |
| Scouting, games club, circus club       |
| Anything to do with arts and crafts     |
| Pitch & Putt outside the centenary hall |
| Wine or beer tasting evenings, quizzes  |
| Yoga, Pilates, Dance                    |

**Parish Council and Community Group Survey 2025**

Above *and on page 4* of this newsletter are the remaining responses from questions 3 to 9 from the survey we carried out towards the end of last year. The responses to questions 1 and 2 were published in December 2025's newsletter and we have also put a copy of the full set of responses on the notice board up at the Community Hall.

We are already working on an action plan to activate those suggestions which might be possible to carry out.

Thank you for the responses you made to the on line or paper survey. 32 residents kindly made comments, each of which are a great help to both the Parish Council and Community Group in moving forward with the community in mind.

**Parish Council Meeting Dates for 2026**

|                     |     |
|---------------------|-----|
| Monday February 2nd | 7pm |
| Monday March 2nd    | 7pm |
| Monday April 6th    | 7pm |
| Monday May 4th      | 7pm |
| Monday June 1st     | 7pm |
| Monday July 6th     | 7pm |

# Councillor's Corner

## Your Local Parish

### Councillors are:



Hello and a belated Happy New Year to all our Hellaby residents.

Here we are into yet another new year which I hope and trust will be one filled with joy, happiness and contentment.

Last year proved to be a real success in so far as there were a number of events where the village hall was filled with laughter, fun, activities and excitement.

In January, early in 2025 the new climbing frame was fitted on the Hellaby park. It was a great relief to finally see it fitted after such a long period of organising and getting the funding for this by the Parish Councillors.

During April we, along with Flux Rotherham, held an Easter event for children and then in May the VE Day 80th anniversary celebrations. In June the community group organised a Table Top sale which was held at various houses in Hellaby, then in August the Summer holiday 'Let's Circus!' activity for the children was held, this was apparently very good but, sadly, not very well attended. In October there was a pie and pea supper held by the Community Group for adults and at the end of October we had a very well attended children's Halloween event, which was again hosted by the Parish Council and Flux Rotherham. In November the Community Group and Parish Council hosted an evening of entertainment with the 'Elderly Brothers' which was well received and good fun. In addition to that, in December the community group joined with Flux Rotherham to hold a very popular children's Christmas party where the village children were able to meet Father Christmas and join in a variety of Christmas related activities.

For the first time ever, we erected a Christmas Tree outside the village Hall, which was decorated with baubles and tree lights. The lights had to be run off batteries as there is no electric power supply out there, which sadly meant numerous trips to replace them, so apologies if they looked a bit dim at times! Also a thank you to whoever kindly left a couple of lovely hand-made baubles to further decorate the tree.

So, as you can see, in 2025 the Community Group and Parish Council together have provided several activities aimed at a variety of age groups, however we would like to send a plea aimed at the younger adults in the community to make some suggestions as to what activities they would like to see at the hall. (Contact numbers and email addresses are on the front page and to the right of this message, please use them.)

Finally (for now) the Parish Council have arranged to erect a planter this spring at the entrance of Hellaby, which will be filled with colourful flowers, we will keep you informed of other plans we have to brighten up the community, following some suggestions made in the resident's survey.

Best wishes,

Cllr **David Latimer**



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It is with great sadness to advise the passing of Valerie Harrison- Heath on 15/11/25 aged 88 who was a Hellaby resident for over 60 years.

Valerie will be sadly missed by her family, friends and other Hellaby residents.

A lot of local people will remember her fondly.



### 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)

Phone: 01909 384605

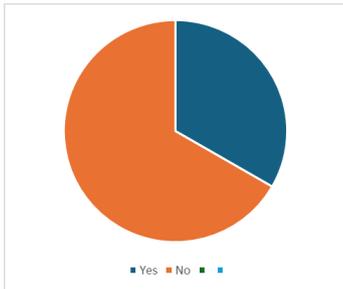
Address : 39 Laughton Road, Dinnington, S25 2PN

### Ward Councillor contacts:

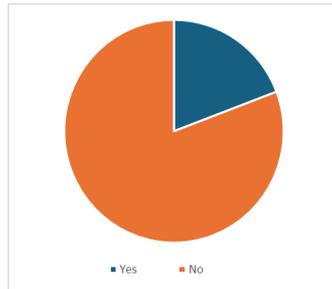
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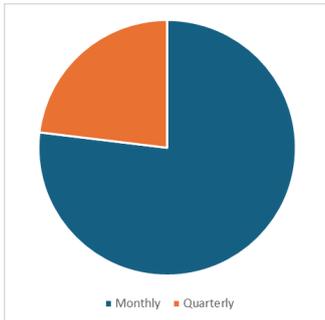
6. Are you able or willing to help at events?



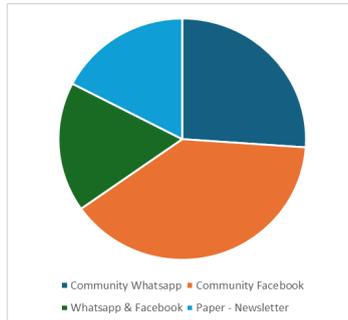
7. Would you be interested in becoming a member of the Parish Council, or Community group?



8. Are you still interested in a monthly Newsletter, would you prefer a quarterly or monthly one, or none at all?



9. What is the best way to communicate with your household?



**Congratulations to Councillor Adam Tinsley**



Maltby East Councillor Adam, who has been a Rotherham Councillor since 2021 and is Vice Chair of 'Improving Places' has been recognised in the New Year's Honours list and has been described by colleagues as being one of the hardest working Councillors in the chamber. Adam described receiving the honour as being an 'Out of the blue surprise'.

**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 3rd February

Tuesday 17th February

**Next Community Group Meeting:**

Tuesday 10th February 7 pm

**Next Parish Council meeting :**

Monday 2nd February 7 pm

(Ward Councillors generally available 6—7 pm)

**Litter Pick:**

First Saturday of the Month

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



**Rotherham friendship lunches**

**The Brentwood**  
114 Moorgate Road, Rotherham, S60 2TY

Tuesday 6th January 2026  
Entertainment with Sally

Tuesday 20th January 2026  
Entertainment with Russ Weaver

Tuesday 3rd February 2026  
Entertainment with Mike Johns

Tuesday 17th February 2026  
Entertainment with Ian King

Tuesday 3rd March 2026  
Entertainment with Annie

Tuesday 17th March 2026  
Entertainment with Carl Peters

12.00pm to 3.00pm  
Enjoy a meal and entertainment

*Caring for you in your home*

- Companionship
- Personal care
- Home help
- Dementia care

“Why not join us and make some new friends?”

To book please call The Brentwood 01709 382772

Early booking recommended  
www.homeinstead.co.uk/rotherham

Further enquiries: If The Brentwood cannot help with your enquiry, then please call Friendship Lunches at Home Instead Rotherham on 01709 837170

To find out more, call now for a friendly chat  
**01709 837170**

***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)