

Thurcroft Parish Newsletter



Thurcroft, Brampton en le Morthen, Laughton Common



Welcome from the Chair

Hello and welcome to the first Thurcroft Parish Council Newsletter. My name is Brian Clark and I am the Chair of the Parish Council. We hope to produce these newsletters on a regular basis throughout the year, to share news stories, details of the events we have planned, and show the work we do in the community.

May 2026

Parish achievements

Upcoming projects and events

Useful information

The Parish Council are responsible for all kinds of services in your community including the playgrounds, Thurcroft Cemetery, and the Memorial Gardens in Thurcroft and Brampton en le Morthen. We also fund the hanging baskets and Christmas lights.

The work of a Councillor is very interesting, and extremely rewarding, seeing the results of our efforts through improvements to the area and community. We currently have vacancies on the Parish Council. If you are interested, please feel free to get in touch with myself, the clerk, or any Councillors, who will be happy to chat about what's involved with no obligation.

In the meantime, I hope you enjoy the first newsletter, and please let us have any feedback on what you would like to see in future issues.

Brian Clark

Parish Achievements

It's amazing to look back on what we've managed to do together this past year. Here's a round-up of some of our favourite projects!

Community Revamp

Cemetery

The cemetery has had a makeover! The area has been fully re-tarmacked and we've added beautiful memorial towers and benches with plaques available to purchase to remember our loved ones.



Village Entrance

We added a Memorial Stone at the North entrance of the Parish.

It stands as a tribute to our mining heritage and community spirit. It's become a point of pride; a reminder of the strength that still runs through the village today.



Recreation

The skatepark is full of colourful artwork thanks to a talented local resident, Zoe.

The games court lighting has been upgraded to energy efficient bulbs. Brampton's park has had some new equipment and a paint job from the Community Payback Team.

Extras

The Gordon Bennett car park has had some much needed repairs. You may have also spotted our new grit bins around the Parish ready to clear our paths in winter.

Parish Events



We've loved spending time with the community this year at the summer fun fair which included fun inflatables, Gordon Bennett Memorial Hall Christmas light switch-on and reindeer day.

We are grateful for the opportunities to work with local groups such as St Simon and St Jude's Church on Remembrance Sunday, and Thurcroft Hub on the fireworks night. We also teamed up with Maltby Lions for their 2 day Santa tour who raised over £600!

Behind the scenes, we have been working with The Willows School, giving post-16 students work experience in the Council chambers. We've also given a number of grants through our community small grants scheme.

Upcoming projects and events

Thurcroft Playground

Once the tender process is complete, residents will be invited to share their views on the shortlisted companies. The project is targeted to be completed by the end of October, giving families a refreshed and exciting space.

Gordon Bennett Memorial Hall

Work is progressing with the architect for a major refurbishment. This is a substantial, long-term project and will continue beyond this year but important planning and design work is well underway.



Memorial Garden

We are working on a thoughtful transformation. The trees and bushes are being cut back. The team are searching for quotes to renew the paths. New ornate fencing around the cenotaph to elevate the look.

Cemetery

A cemetery warden has been appointed to maintain the area. New signage will also be installed soon, at the entrance, providing clear and helpful information for visitors.

Dates for the diary

15th August -
Summer Fun Day

21st - 23rd August -
Summer Fair

8th November -
Remembrance
Sunday

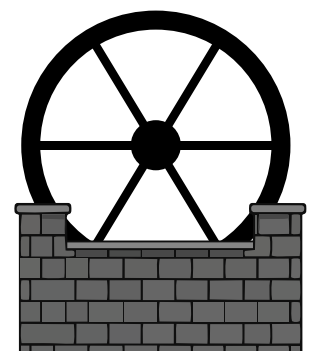
21st November -
Christmas Fayre and
Light Switch-on

Horticulture

The Council have adopted the flower planters in Thurcroft. With a new horticultural contract now in place, the whole Parish can expect brighter, colourful displays to match our existing hanging baskets.

Winding Wheel

Plans are underway to revive the winding wheel at the south entrance to Thurcroft, on Green Arbour Road. This local landmark is a welcoming feature for everyone entering the village and a reminder of the Village's origin.



Useful Information

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Council Meetings

Full Council meetings are generally on the last Thursday of every month in the Gordon Bennett Memorial Hall Council Chambers.

Thursday 28th May - 6:30pm

Thursday 25th June - 6:30pm

Hire Our Spaces

Head to our website to book our hall and football pitches. Bookings are final when the team have confirmed the booking and payment is made.



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Gordon Bennett user groups

Monday

Craft Club - 13:00-15:30

Yoga - 18:00-19:00

Theatre Group - 19:30-21:30

Tuesday

Toddler Group - 10:00-11:30

Making Space - 13:00-15:45 (First Tuesday of the month only)

Clubbercise - 19:00-20:00

Wednesday

Toddler Group - 10.00-11.30

Theatre Group - 19:30-21:30

Thursday

Slimming World - 17:30 & 19:30

Friday

Sewing Group - 09:30-14:00

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An MP acts as our voice in Parliament, advocating for our constituency.