

**WHITLEY ALLOTMENTS ASSOCIATION**

We currently have some vacant plots. If you're interested, please contact the secretary.  
[whitleyallotment@outlook.com](mailto:whitleyallotment@outlook.com)

**HELPING OUR ENVIRONMENT**

Sadly, not everyone appreciates our lovely rural setting, public spaces & footpaths. If you see any antisocial activity, instances of flytipping or dog mess etc. you can report it to North Yorkshire Council via their website [www.northyorks.gov.uk](http://www.northyorks.gov.uk).

**HEATING FUEL CO-OPERATIVE**

The Oil Cooperative organises a group order for anyone in Whitley and the surrounding communities every 2 months. Email [whitleyoilcooperative@btinternet.com](mailto:whitleyoilcooperative@btinternet.com) for more information. If you have LPG, often the best deals are by being part of a group on your estate or in the village.

**OVER 80'S RESIDENTS**

The Parish Council continues the long standing tradition of providing a Christmas hamper for all Whitley residents who have reached this age. The Over 80's list is updated by Cllr. Kath Walton and we are keen that all eligible residents are included. Contact Kath (by October please, if eligible but not on the list). 01977 662720 or [KTWalton.wpc@outlook.com](mailto:KTWalton.wpc@outlook.com)

**CHURCH SERVICES**

Our two local churches are St Edmunds in Kellington and Eggborough Methodist who both hold regular services.

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**SOCIAL MEDIA**

Follow our Facebook page [WhitleyCommunity](https://www.facebook.com/WhitleyCommunity). For local news from the PC, residents, and other community updates and information join our [WhitleyCommunityGroup](https://www.facebook.com/WhitleyCommunityGroup). [WhitleyNeighbourhoodWatch](https://www.facebook.com/WhitleyNeighbourhoodWatch) is also one to follow about incidents in our area.

**2025 Council Meetings**

**April 22, May 20, June 17, July 15, Sept 16, Oct 21, Nov 18.**

**Whitley & Eggborough School, Learning Lane. Tuesdays 7:00pm**

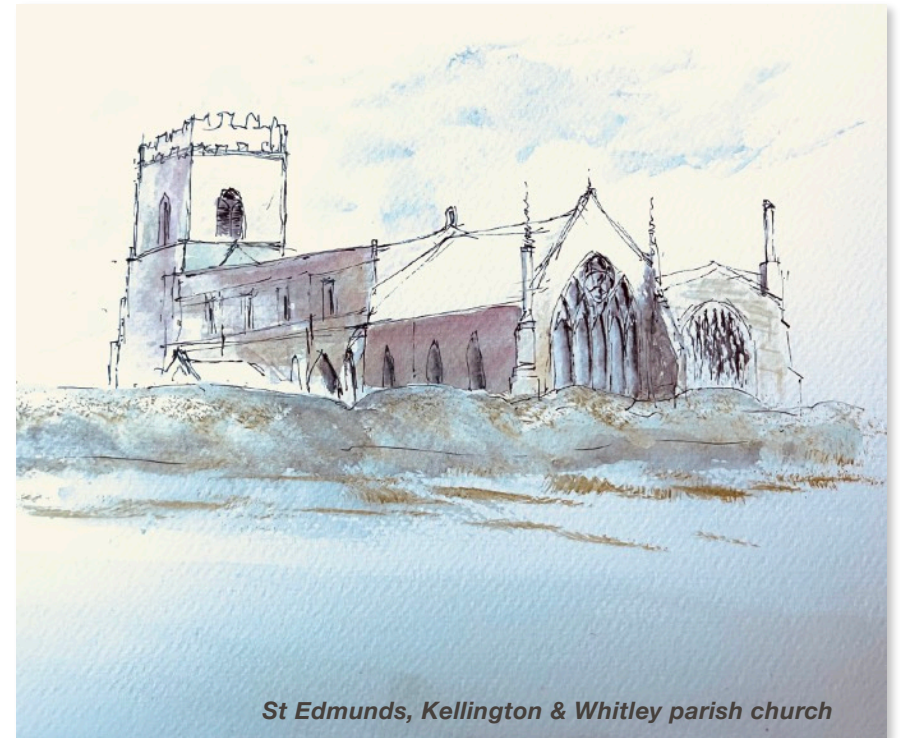
*These are public meetings, you are most welcome to attend. We really do want to hear from residents, listen to your ideas...and your grumbles.*

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# 2025



St Edmunds, Kellington & Whitley parish church

[www.whitleycommunity.co.uk](http://www.whitleycommunity.co.uk)



Whitley Community

### Your Precept

This is the part of your council tax that the Parish Council receives in order to function, currently set at £13,000 in total for the year (approx. £32 per Band D household). Here in Whitley, the bulk of this money pays for regular verge cutting on the A19, and maintenance of the Daffodil Park near Whitley Farm Close, as well as the two other play areas at Lee View & Blackthorn Close, to the south of the village. We also employ a part time clerk, and have a number of other statutory costs to meet. All our expenditure is set out in our published information on our [website](#).

### Nature Reserve

On Gravel Hill Lane past the mushroom farm is our nature reserve, formerly known as Whitley Common. This has been rather neglected over recent years, but our neighbours Monaghan Mushrooms have now helped with us to improve the area, restoring access to paths, and providing and installing new seating. They also organise regular litter picks along Gravel Hill. We are very grateful to Dave, Phil and their team for the work they are putting in at no cost to the Council.

*Thank You, Monaghan Mushrooms!*

*...and thanks also to Sarah & Ann from the community.*



### Find our public spaces using what3words...

<https://w3w.co/formed.rentals.engineers>  
<https://w3w.co/access.rural.happily>  
<https://w3w.co/retained.starlight.asset>  
<https://w3w.co/roosters.polishing.maps>

### Police and the Community

Our local police hold regular drop-in sessions here. Look for dates on our social media or sign up to the community messaging service to receive updates. Happily, North Yorkshire remains a relatively low crime region.

<https://www.northyorkshirecommunitymessaging.co.uk/#signup-section>

### Traffic & the A19

We are all aware of the additional traffic through the village caused by the continued works to the A1 flyover at Wentbridge. This work is scheduled to finally be completed this summer.

### Gale Common

As far as we know, the planning decision to develop this site expires soon. With the support of the community, we vociferously fought to mitigate the impact of this on the village. Nonetheless we remain in contact with the owners Eggborough Power, who tell us no extraction will take place until at least 2027 due to world events & global markets.

### George & Dragon

Disappointingly we have just heard that the pub has closed. The Parish Council will try to find out what the next steps might be.

### Local Plan

The new local plan for North Yorkshire has started with a process known as the call for sites. This stage is an opportunity for land owners, site promoters, developers or other interested parties to put sites forward for consideration in the new local plan to meet the future needs of the area.

A comprehensive consultation will take place later in the process that will seek the views of the community on all sites, after work has been completed to give a greater direction as to whether sites are likely to be either recommended for allocation or dismissed.

<https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/planning-and-conservation/planning-policy/call-sites-north-yorkshire-local-plan>

### Planning Applications

The Parish Council is made aware of all planning applications in our area and we have the opportunity to submit comments, for or against. There have to be good reasons to object, we can't just say "we don't like it".

Currently the developer Harron Homes have told us they are considering building about 80 homes on the field next to Church Row. No formal application has been submitted and we have invited them to come and talk to us about their plans.



### In the Community

As you'll be aware, we have no dedicated community building here. The nearest are in Eggborough, where both the Village Hall & Methodist Church hold a variety of community initiatives and interest groups. We are sure they would welcome any new support from Whitley residents. Find out more...

<https://www.eggboroughparish.org.uk/eggborough-village-hall>

<https://www.eggboroughparish.org.uk/eggborough-methodist-chapel>

### Templar Close new Noticeboard

Thanks to Cllr. John McCartney & Eggborough Power for helping fund a new noticeboard.

*...from the Chair, Cllr. Kath Walton*

*I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of the Parish Council, to extend our heartfelt gratitude to all those who have contributed this year to the many initiatives that have helped strengthen our community. We are indeed fortunate to have the support of local businesses, farmers, and residents who generously offer their time, resources, and expertise. Our sincere thanks go to Monaghan Mushrooms, Eggborough Power, Tunstall Telecom, Eggborough Post Office and Poskitts Farm for their invaluable contributions. Their support, alongside the goodwill and dedication of many community-minded residents, has enabled us to achieve far more than we ever could alone. Whether through sponsorship, volunteering, or simply lending a helping hand, every effort has made a difference, and we truly appreciate it.*

*Thank you for being part of this journey. We look forward to continuing to build a strong and thriving community together.*