

OCTOBER 2025

Around and About

CROFT-ON-TEES VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

Croft Allotment Association

Anyone interested in taking on an allotment plot please contact Chris Sauer at
chris.sauer@gtc.ox.ac.uk

Croft Lectures

7 for 7:30pm at Croft Village Hall

Pay £5 at the door

Home made refreshments included

Wed 15th October 2025 'The Mitchells of Forcett Hall' Speaker - Clare Powne	Wed 19th November 2025 'The 200th Anniversary of the Stockton and Darlington Railway' Speaker - Chris Llyod
Wed 21st January 2026 'Norman Cornish: The Test of Time' Speaker - Mike Thornton	Wed 18th February 2026 'Wayward Wynyard. Tales of turbulent Tempests, volatile Vanes and stormy Stewarts' Speaker - Ronnie Tempest
Wed 18th March 2026 'The Canoe Man - John Darwin' Speaker - Mark Braithwaite	

Village Hall Classes and Groups

**Please email dpyrah@hotmail.com or geoff.kell@gmail.com for
contact details**

Croft Social Running Group - every Wednesday from 7pm

Youth Theatre Class - every Thursday...

- Age 4-7 Drama: 4:30 - 5:00pm. Age 4-7 Dance: 5:00 - 5:45pm
- Age 7-11 Drama: 5:45 - 6:30pm Age 7-11 Dance: 6:30 - 7:15pm
- Age 11+: Not currently running but available with enough interest

News from St Peter's Church

Croft Services

Oct 12th	Oct 19th	Oct 26th	Nov 2nd
11am Harvest Family Service	11am Holy Communion	10:30am Benefice Communion Middleton Tyas	6pm All Souls Service

Diary Dates

- 11th October - *Pie and Peas Supper with Quiz Night* in Croft Village Hall. Contact Carole Holford for tickets.
- 16th October - Pastoral Lunch (Please do not arrive before noon)
- First Friday of the Month - Coffee Morning, Village Hall. 10 - 12 noon

New River Level Monitoring Station

The Croft on Tees river level monitoring station has now been decommissioned due to continued erosion of the river bank at this location. Data will no longer be available from this station.

There is a new monitoring station 'River Tees at Hurworth' located at Hurworth Low Hail Bridge. You can access the levels online via the following link:

<https://check-for-flooding.service.gov.uk/station/9653>



Nearby river levels

Nearby river levels are also available to view online, including River Skerne at South Park, River Tees at Broken Scar and Clow Beck at Croft Monk End Farm

<https://check-for-flooding.service.gov.uk/river-and-sea-levels>.



Additional information

Check to see if you are eligible to sign up for flood alerts/warnings:

<https://www.gov.uk/sign-up-for-flood-warnings>

or call Floodline to sign up: 0345 988 1188

Textphone: 0345 602 6340

Booking the Village Hall is now done through the online booking system at ...

<http://www.croftvillagehall.org.uk>

Unacceptable Noise Levels from the Croft Hotel

From Tim Catterall (tim@cattco.live)

With others, I recently met with Clair Weber, who is the Noise Abatement Officer from The Environmental Health Department of North Yorkshire County Council, to discuss the ongoing problems relating to noise emanating from The Croft Hotel at night, particularly after weddings.

There are ongoing complaints relating to loud music, heavy bass lines and people outside shouting and squealing until as late as one o'clock in the morning.

Clair has requested that anyone affected by noise should contact her, and she has advised that she can provide an 'App' for your phone to monitor noise levels, and this information can be used in court at Licensing hearings. I would encourage you to contact her and get this app which is very easy to use.

I also spoke with Councillor Tim Grogan, who is the Chairman of North Yorkshire Council's Licensing Committee, and he has also asked to be contacted by anyone who is affected by noise, and I would encourage you to do so.

Contact details for Clair and Tim are below.

Clair Weber - Environmental Health Officer

Phone: (01748) 901 038. Email: clair.weber@northyorks.gov.uk

Councillor Tim Grogan -

Phone: 0737 567 6804. Email: Cllr.Tim.Grogan@northyorks.gov.uk

Parish Council Meeting Agenda and Minutes

A summarised version of the minutes is shown on page 4 of the newsletter.

The agenda of each meeting and full minutes are available online at



<https://croftonteespc.wordpress.com/previous-meeting-agendas-minutes/>

The Village Online

Village Website: www.croftontees.co.uk

Village Hall Website: www.croftvillagehall.org.uk (with village hall online booking)

Around and About contact email: geoff.kell@gmail.com

Croft Community Notices What's App Group : peter@ryansykes.co.uk



**Summary of minutes of the meeting held on 3rd September 2025 at Croft Village Hall
generated using ChatGPT. Minutes are draft until signed at the next meeting**

Present: Chair Chaytor-Norris, VC Evans, Cllr Kennedy, Cllr Longstaff, Cllr Pears, Cllr Thompson
Environment Agency Representative, Parish Clerk: C Liversedge-Gell

- Minutes of 2 July 2025 approved and signed.
- Matters Arising
 - Replacement white lines outside Croft Hotel still outstanding; Clerk to chase NYC.
 - Thanks to Cllr Thompson for “Take Your Litter Home” signs; note some thefts—signs to be moved periodically.
- Planning
 - No new applications. Richmond Planning have severe staffing shortages (national planner shortfall). Richmond office handles all Richmondshire (excl. National Parks) & is recruiting.
- Croft Hotel – Noise Issues
 - NYC issued an Abatement Notice (s.80 Environmental Protection Act 1990) to premises licence holder (02/09/2025).
 - Noise monitoring locations queried; current monitor on The Terrace.
 - Fewer complaints reaching Cllr Thompson; PC notes many residents now contact NYC/EA directly.
- River Level Monitor (EA briefing)
 - Croft Bridge gauge removed due to erosion/inaccurate readings; replacement installed at Low Hail Bridge, Hurworth after 8-month overlap testing.
 - Upstream gauges (South Park, Broken Scar, Barnard Castle, Middleton-Teesdale) feed modelling to derive Croft levels; EA confident data quality matches former Croft gauge.
 - Residents uneasy without local real-time display; EA to provide newsletter statement confirming no change to alert/warning regime.
 - Debris at Croft Bridge: EA field teams monitor during events; residents should report blockages to the Incident Team. Vegetation query logged—photos requested for assessment (possible habitat constraints).
 - Bridge closures decided by NYC Highways (with EA input). Attaching a gauge to Croft Bridge rejected (listed status/access).
 - Flood warnings: sign up at gov.uk or call Floodline 0345 988 1188 (quickdial 134004). Croft Flood Plan and warden info via the Clerk; to be added to the website.
- Home to School Transport (HTST)
 - Cllr Thompson attended following PC letter.
 - Position: Against “nearest school” policy in principle, but voted with amendment to avoid cuts to SEND amid severe funding pressures.
 - Rural Services Delivery Grant (£14.2m p.a. for NYC) removed by central government, worsening finances.
 - Projected HTST savings: ~£2.64m over 3 years (not per year); costs have risen from £19m to £51.5m due to both prices and pupil numbers.
 - Work underway to improve access/affordability: exploring new/adjusted bus services (e.g., potential £1/day to Richmond), options for Croft despite no direct route, and discussion with Richmond School re subsidising Croft pupils (capacity remains a constraint).
- Police & Crime
 - Appeal issued re doorstep milk thefts (26/08/2025); CCTV showed masked offenders causing concern among older residents.

Next Meeting Wednesday November 5th at Croft-on-Tees Village Hall at 7.00 pm

Everyone welcome to attend