

*DECEMBER 2025*

# Around and About

## CROFT-ON-TEES VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

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### Permissive Path Closure

The path through the churchyard to the riverbank will be closed December 27th 5:30pm to December 28th 5:30pm. **The gates will be locked**

### Croft Allotment Association

Anyone interested in taking on an allotment plot please contact Chris Sauer at  
[chris.sauer@gtc.ox.ac.uk](mailto: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 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](mailto:dpyrah@hotmail.com) or [geoff.kell@gmail.com](mailto: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

Dec 7th	Dec 14th	Dec 21st	Dec 25th	Dec 28th
	4pm Family Candle Service	10:30am Benefice Communion	10am Family Service	

### Diary Dates

- 19th December, 6:30pm. Carol service in St Peter's.
  - 21st December, 4pm. Carol service at Eryholme.
  - 11th December - Pastoral Lunch (Please do not arrive before noon)
  - First Friday of the Month - Coffee Morning, Village Hall. 10 - 12 noon
- Note:** No coffee morning in January

*OPEN CHURCH*  
*On Saturday 6th December*  
*between 10am and 2pm*



*Pay us a Visit*  
*and have the chance to buy*  
**HAMPER DRAW TICKETS**  
**CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS AND**  
**GIFTS,**  
*Make a Bid for a*  
**STAY IN A HOLIDAY COTTAGE IN**  
**THE DALES.**  
*Or just visit our church and find out about the*  
*myths and legends that inspired*  
**ALICE IN WONDERLAND.**

**Booking the Village Hall is now done through the online booking system at ...**  
**<http://www.croftvillagehall.org.uk>**

## **A Greener Way to Receive Your Village Newsletter**

Each year, producing the printed version of our village newsletter uses around 7 printed pages per household. With 163 printed copies currently being delivered, that adds up to more than 1,100 printed pages a year.

To help reduce our environmental footprint, we'd love to encourage more residents to switch to email delivery. It's the same newsletter, just delivered in a cleaner, greener way and it arrives even faster.

We already have 54 households receiving the digital version, and we'd be delighted to add more.

If you'd like to help us reduce paper use and support a more sustainable village, please consider opting in for email delivery. Just let us know, and we'll add you to the list.

Email me at [geoff.kell@gmail.com](mailto:geoff.kell@gmail.com) if you would like to receive your newsletter this way.

Please let me know your address so we can stop delivering the hardcopy.

## **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](http://www.croftontees.co.uk)

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

Around and About contact email: [geoff.kell@gmail.com](mailto:geoff.kell@gmail.com)

Croft Community Notices What's App Group : [peter@ryansykes.co.uk](mailto:peter@ryansykes.co.uk)



**Summary of minutes of the meeting held on 5th November 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, Clerk: C Liversedge-Gell

- Minutes of 3 Sept 2025 approved and signed.
- Planned Road Closure – Northallerton Road
  - Network Rail bridge works: 8 Nov 2025–8 Feb 2026 (93 days).
  - Mostly weekend overnight closures (22:00–08:00) + continuous closure 20 Dec–4 Jan.
- Village Hall Defibrillator Cabinet
  - No NYC funding available this year. PC to seek cost-sharing with Village Hall Committee and Joint Burial Board.
- Planning
  - ZD25/00510/FULL – Temporary railway works access (Dalton) : Noted; no objections.
  - 21/00855/FULL – Serendipity, South Parade : Reduction in extension size. No concerns raised.
  - ZD25/00545/PIP – 9 dwellings (Richmond Road)
    - Residents objected due to: loss of agricultural land; no affordable housing; impact on village character; concern over future expansion.
    - PC noted schemes under 10 dwellings do not require affordable housing, but residents felt it should be included.
    - Residents encouraged to submit comments by 8 Nov 2025.
    - Reminder: PIP is only the first stage; full planning needed later.
- Croft Hotel Noise Issues
  - NYC has issued a Noise Abatement Notice; hotel has made improvements.
  - NYC not pursuing licence review at present but will act if new evidence emerges.
  - Possible unapproved works (canopy/external changes) – Clerk to contact Planning.
- EA Flood Resilience Event
  - EA introduced Flood Incident Duty Officers (FIDOs) to act as local incident leads.
  - EA agreed it would be helpful for FIDOs to visit high-risk areas such as Croft.
- NYC Parish Liaison Meeting
  - Covered community resilience, emergency planning, and flood readiness.
  - Cllr Pears thanked NYC's Resilience Team for continued support.
- Home to School Transport – STAG Update
  - STAG (represented by Ms Jo Foster) urges NYC to restore the original review timeline (PIR by July 2026) so improvements take effect for children starting Sept 2027.
  - Concerns raised:
    - Mapping/measurement errors; unsafe routes; poor communication; inconsistent decisions; double-counting of school places.
    - Policy causing hardship for rural families and sibling separation across different local authority school calendars.
  - STAG reports: 170 Stage 1 and 77 Stage 2 appeals already completed.
  - PC reaffirmed full support for STAG.
  - Savings of £380k reported, but administrative costs unclear.
- Police & Crime Update
  - September: 9 crimes (assault, criminal damage, theft, stalking, coercive behaviour).
  - October: 6 crimes (assaults + criminal damage).
- NYC Councillor Report - See online minutes. Details on page 3 of newsletter

**Next Meeting Wednesday January 7th at Croft-on-Tees Village Hall at 7.00 pm**

**Everyone welcome to attend**