

FEBRUARY 2026

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 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

Quiz Night

7th February 7:30pm - Croft Village Hall

Pie and Peas

Bar and Raffle

Tickets £10 - contact Carole Holford

Proceeds to St. Peters and The Village Hall

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

Feb 8th	Feb 15th	Feb 22nd
11am Family Worship	11am Holy Communion with Baptism	11am Morning Prayer
Mar 8th	Mar 15th	Mar 22nd
11am Family Worship	11am Holy Communion (Mothering Sunday)	11am Morning Prayer

Diary Dates

- Tuesdays 2-3:30pm from 24th Feb to 24th March in Barton Village Hall.
- First Friday of the Month - Coffee Morning, Village Hall. 10 - 12 noon
- Friday 20th March 7pm. Teesside Apollo Male Voice Choir. Winter Concert. £10 including refreshments (see poster)
- Sunday 24th May. Confirmation service in one of the churches across Benefice. Contact Rev'd Gillian for more information.
gillian.lunn@leeds.anglican.org

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

A photograph of St Peter's Church Croft on Tees, a stone building with a prominent square tower and a flag flying from the top. The church is surrounded by a graveyard with several gravestones. The sky is overcast.

St Peter's Church Croft on Tees

Presents

Teesside Apollo

Male Voice Choir's

WINTER CONCERT

Friday 20th March 2026 at 7pm

Tickets £10.00 Including Refreshments

Available from Teesside Apollo MVC tel 07729 626449

And St Peter's Church tel 01325 720878

Proceeds in aid of Church and Choir Funds

www.teessideapollomvchoir.co.uk

Residents Section on Village Website?

There was a suggestion, on the village WhatsApp group, that it may be useful to have a residents section on the village website. One possible use for this could be to list recommendations for local tradesmen (a common question on the WhatsApp group).

If you think you would be interested in this, or have any other suggestions for inclusion in a residents section please let me know by email at geoff.kell@gmail.com

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Email me at 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

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



CROFT PARISH COUNCIL



CROFT-ON-TEES PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – DRAFT UNTIL SIGNED

7th January 2026 7.00pm AT CROFT-ON-TEES VILLAGE HALL

Present: Chair Chaytor-Norris, VC Evans, Cllr Kennedy, Cllr Longstaff, Cllr Pears
Clerk Charlotte Liversedge-Gell

58 Apologies	None
59 Declaration of Interest	None
60 Cheques	Parish Council: Clerk Salary £260, Stamps £6.96, Travel £11.71, Stationery £11.33, Office 365 Subscription (split with Bboard) £42.50 – cheque returned by Barclays from Nov meeting so re-written plus £260 Clerk salary Burial Board: £250 Colin Beadle
61 Minutes of previous meeting	Minutes of the meeting held on 5th November 2025 approved and signed
62 Matters Arising	None
63 Correspondence	<p>63(i) Email from resident regarding the hedge on Monk End overgrowing and blocking the footpath. Monk End is unadopted along with the rest of South Parade and due to this, any issues would be a private matter and unfortunately not something the Parish Council nor NYC would be able to assist with. Clerk to update resident.</p> <p>(ii) NYC Highways Parish Liaison Workshops – a request for a register of interest was circulated. Croft PC are interested in attending – Clerk to inform NYC.</p> <p>(iii) Cllr Pears informed the PC that it had been noted by residents that a camper type van had been parking overnight at the junction to Jolby Lane, opposite the Burial Ground. There are no regulations in place for parking there overnight – it has been noted but it is not perceived to be a matter for the PC.</p> <p>(iv) Cllr Pears reported that on walking along the Flood Plane there is a marked increase in the amount of dog fouling occurring along that walk - this includes dog fouling and bags being left on the footpath. The PC would like to please ask that walkers be responsible and pickup any fouling, dispose of it and respect public places as they are there for everyone to enjoy. It was noted that the dog waste bin at Clerveux can regularly be full to overflowing and this could exasperate the problem. Clerk to contact NYC to query when it is emptied and if this could be done more often.</p> <p>The PC would like to thank the vast majority of dog owners who do in fact pickup after their dogs.</p>

64 Public Participation	None present
65 Planning	<p>Appeal by Mr S Bailey Appeal Ref: APP/U2750/W/25/3376315 Application Ref: ZD25/00135/FULL & ZD25/00136/FULL Start Date: 3 December 2025 Site Address: Croft Spa Hotel Northallerton Road Croft On Tees Darlington North Yorkshire DL2 2S.</p> <p>Full Planning Permission for retrospective erection of wicker enclosure and new opening to create a bridal suite private outdoor area and new opening from Honeymoon suite to the enclosed garden area. An appeal has been made to the Secretary of State against refusal for the above proposal. For information.</p> <p>The PC shall pass on the result of the Appeal.</p>
66 Police & Crime Update	<p>November 3 Crimes within the PARISH: 2 x assault without injury 1 x criminal damage December 3 Crimes within the PARISH: 1 x assault with injury, 1 x possession of an offensive weapon, 1 x criminal damage</p>
67 NYC Update	Cllr Carl Les to host a Q&A session for Parish Council's in January at County Hall. Cllr Pears to attend of behalf of Croft PC. Clerk to inform Cllr Thompson.
68 Village Hall Defibrillator	Croft Primary School have a spare defibrillator, and it has been kindly offered to the Village Hall. The cost of cabinet and it's fitting was discussed at the meeting and a cabinet agreed on. It was agreed to ask the VHC for a £150 donation, the Burial Board £150, Rockcliffe Cricket Club £100 and the Parish Council donate the remaining funds. Clerk to purchase the cabinet and liaise with the VHC for its installation.

The PC would like to thank Croft Estate for the generous gift of the Village Christmas Tree that was enjoyed by many over the festive period.

NEXT MEETING 4th MARCH 2026 7PM AT CROFT VILLAGE HALL – EVERYONE WELCOME