

# SCORTON & DISTRICT TIMES

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## Advice about what3words from Yorkshire Ambulance Service

Following a well attended Community Defibrillator & CPR Awareness Session organised by the Parish Council in September, the Ambulance Service have asked the Parish Council to inform our residents about the importance of installing what3words onto their mobile devices.

Yorkshire Ambulance Service NHS Trust (YAS) has joined other UK emergency services to roll out what3words location technology which has already been used to good effect across the county.

what3words has divided the world into a grid of 3m x 3m squares and given each square a unique three-word address which can be obtained using an app. For example, ///bullion.rooftop.padlock will take you to the National Coal Mining Museum for England in Overton, near Wakefield and ///kite.chats.dine identifies a precise spot in a field next to the River Ouse in York.

Staff in the YAS Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) have been trained to use the what3words technology when arranging responses to incidents. Using three-word addresses gives callers a simple way to describe precisely where help is needed.

The solution can be particularly effective for emergencies in rural locations like farms, beaches, coastline or moorland where it can be complex, imprecise and difficult to communicate location without any addresses or points of reference nearby. And even in a well-addressed town or city, the person in distress may not be familiar with their surroundings, or able to share a location with accuracy - for example, the description 'near Leeds Arena' will not help emergency services to get to the right place.

The app is free to download for both iOS and Android, or by browser, and works offline – making it ideal for use in areas with an unreliable data connection. The three-word address format is also consistent anywhere in the world, and available in 36 languages.

Yorkshire Ambulance Service

## **Curlew Cycling Club Ride Schedule 2025**

***Monthly family friendly cycle rides  
from villages in Hambleton and  
Richmondshire, all welcome.***

*All rides meet for a 10.00am start, please park  
considerately (if driving to start).*



<i>22nd February</i>	<i>Kirkby Fleetham to Aiskew</i>
<i>29th March</i>	<i>Jervaux Abbey to Leyburn</i>
<i>26th April</i>	<i>Bedale Hall to Ripon</i>
<i>31st May</i>	<i>Knayton to Felixkirk</i>
<i>28th June</i>	<i>Manfield to Barnard Castle</i>
<i>26th July</i>	<i>Carperby to Hawes</i>
<i>30th August</i>	<i>East Cowton to Hurworth</i>
<i>27th September</i>	<i>Richmond (Victoria car park) to Reeth</i>
<i>25th October</i>	<i>Hutton Rudby to Little Ayton</i>
<i>29th November</i>	<i>Scorton to Northallerton</i>
<i>20th December</i>	<i>Skeeby to Ravensworth</i>

*For details contact us on: [curlewcyclinggroup@gmail.com](mailto:curlewcyclinggroup@gmail.com) or text to  
07795 097985*

Are you running out of Data? Is your internet down?  
Do you need to get that online shopping done now?

**Feel free to connect to  
“Scorton Wireless” Broadband,  
in and around the  
Scorton War Memorial Institute.**



Courtesy of Scorton War Memorial Institute &  
Scorton Parish Council

## **Bolton on Swale Defibrillator**

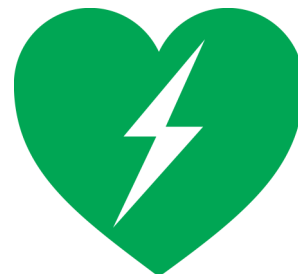
Following the Defibrillator and CPR Awareness session held in September by Yorkshire Ambulance Service, the Parish Council became aware that the Bolton on Swale defibrillator wasn't in service.

Bolton on Swale Parish Meeting is not functioning currently and thus have no access to funds.

This was discussed at the following Scorton Parish Council meeting and councilors decided that this should be working and useable.

The Parish Council agreed to purchase a new battery to ensure this equipment is functioning again.

A kind volunteer and resident of Bolton on Swale agreed to be the Guardian for the defibrillator; this is vital to register, carry out checks and return to service following use via The Circuit (National Defibrillator Network).



## Public spaces in and around Scorton

We are very lucky in Scorton to have a plethora of publicly accessible open spaces - bridge green, the village green and Jubilee green – as well as numerous smaller areas of open space for people to enjoy which provide connections between properties and people.

Beyond the village we have access to a huge number of publicly accessible paths and bridleways through woods, beside rivers and streams and amongst lakes.

The responsibility falls to all of us to look after and maintain these spaces so they can be safely enjoyed by everyone, if there are any issues that should be addressed with play equipment, boundaries or trees then please contact the Parish Council and these problems will be addressed as soon as possible.

To ensure wildlife and people, especially small children, are safe in all these areas please use bins for litter and please pick-up after your dog.

This is a beautiful village, lets keep it that way.

Scorton Parish Council

## Scorton Feast AGM March 2025 — date to follow All welcome

Gig on the Green  
Saturday 12th July

Scorton Feast  
16th - 18th August

## Royal British Legion



Members of the British Legion Scorton and Cowton Branch attended the Remembrance Service in the Scorton War Memorial Institute on the 10<sup>th</sup> of November. The service was led by Reverend Simon Dowson and was very well attended with barely a seat free in a full hall. The Roll of Honour of our fallen heroes from both villages was read out and some of the prayers were very bravely recited by local Brownies. A big shout out for them on what must have been a nerve-racking experience.

A total of £ 517.22 was collected during the service and it has been paid in to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal along with other contributions made in various places around the village, including a donation from Scorton War Memorial Institute and Scorton Parish Council. Many thanks to all who took the time to contribute during the service and/or at one of the collection points. The grand total raised from the branch was a whopping £2021.81.

Finally, the local branch of the Royal British Legion is always looking for new members, please note it is not required that you need to be a Veteran or a serving member of the forces to join. We are planning a few events in the village this year, just come along and join in the fun.

## New Parish Councillor introduction

I have lived in Forest for 18 years with my wife Joyce and been actively involved with Scorton community for the last 10 years. I am currently the chairman of the Feast Flower and Produce show and a Trustee of the Scorton War Memorial Institute.

I am honoured to be a Councillor for the parish and look forward to supporting the community in this fantastic, vibrant village of Scorton.

Nick Terry - Scorton Parish Councillor

## Scorton Women's Institute

Visitors and new members always welcome at Scorton WI. We have interesting speakers and different activities throughout the year.



A warm welcome awaits you at Scorton War Memorial Institute, first Wednesday of the month.

Further information from Secretary: Sandra McDougal 01748 811318

## Mixed ability Hatha Yoga classes

Meet Wednesdays 2- 3pm Scorton War Memorial Institute

A mixture of postures, breathing and relaxation. All welcome.

BWY-trained Diploma Yoga Teacher Claire Walker 07595873221

Many thanks to everyone who contributed their efforts and time to ensure we all enjoyed a beautiful village Christmas tree and thanks to Rural Estate Management Service Ltd (REMS) for their financial support.



## Over the garden wall

**“Morning there, have you got any idea what this precept is all about?”**

*“Yep, it’s a local tax collected by the new North Yorkshire Council on behalf of the Parish Council to be spent in Scorton on behalf of its residents.”*

**“Hang on, what’s this about an extra council?”**

*“No no, not an extra council. What happened was the 7 District Councils amalgamated with the old County Council to form one new council.”*

**“Is that going to cost even more money?”**

*“No, hopefully it’s going to save money with everything being under one giant umbrella.”*

**“Okay, so back to this precept thing; what’s it spent on and how much do Parish Councillors get paid?”**

*“So, Parish Councils have a Statutory duty to look after all the things NOT looked after by North Yorkshire Council. Things like the cemetery, common land & village green, the provision of recreation & play areas, community broadband and other bits and pieces. The precept also helps out with local projects by helping to access additional grants from outside funding bodies.”*

**“Okay, I get that, but how much does a Parish Councillor get per year?”**

*“Well actually nothing! It’s all voluntary, the meetings, the pruning and trimming, the regular clean ups, moving speed signs and last year saw our Parish Councillors paint the bus shelter and build the new bridge over the beck.”*

**“So how much does that cost me in hard cash?”**

*“That’s not an easy question to answer! But here goes, precept is charged in bands with the average band being a Band ‘D’ property, with some paying more or less than the average of £54.23 per year.”*

**“Sorry, that’s all Double Dutch to me.”**

*“Right, to look at it another way, it’s the equivalent to each and every one of us paying 34p per week.”*

**“Well, I guess that’s not bad value for money.”**

*“Anyway, must get a move on if I’m going to catch that bus, see you later.”*



## Details of local Clubs, Societies and Church Services

- ◆ **Archery** Practice on the Archery field next to Beck Green on Wednesday 7.00pm – 8.30pm & Sunday 2.00pm – 4.00pm  
www.scortonarchers.co.uk
- ◆ **Beavers & Cubs** Catterick Village Scout Hut  
Contact: Steve (Group Scout Leader) email: 1stbromptononswalegsl@gmail.com  
Phone: 07810646261
- ◆ **Catterick Village Youth Project (Years 5 - 11)** Catterick Village Sport Pavilion  
Thursday 6.30 - 8.00pm Contact: Naomi Fletcher 07847 384835
- ◆ **Domino Drive** Every 3rd Tuesday in the month  
Scorton War Memorial Institute Contact: Ian Threlfall 01748 811323
- ◆ **Women walking for fitness & friendship** Fortnightly Saturday morning walks  
Contact: Catherine Marshall 07984808838
- ◆ **Short Mat Bowling Club** Every Thursday between late September and April.  
Scorton Institute Contact: Martin Carter 01748 812091
- ◆ **Curlew Rides** Monthly bike rides from local villages  
Contact: John Yorke 07795 097985 or curlewcyclinggroup@gmail.com
- ◆ **Scorton Methodist Chapel** Worship Service every Sunday 10.30am  
Bible Study Group Monday 1.45pm - 3pm  
Prayer Group 2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month 2.30pm  
Light Lunches served from 12 - 1.30pm, 2nd Monday of each month. There is no charge (donations may be given if desired) everyone is welcome  
Contact: Barbara Robinson 01748 811294
- ◆ **St Mary's Parish Church** Services are held at a church in the parish each Sunday @10.30 am. Please visit our website [www.esbb.co.uk](http://www.esbb.co.uk) for more information or email [admin@esbb.co.uk](mailto:admin@esbb.co.uk)
- ◆ **Women's Institute** 1st Wednesday in month 7.30pm  
Scorton Institute Contact: Sandra McDougal 01748 811318
- ◆ **Yoga**  
Contact: Clare on 07595873221 or email claremwalker@hotmail.co.uk
- ◆ **Young Farmers** Hackforth Village Hall every Tuesday 7.30 12 –26yrs  
Contact: Alex Chapman 0776278411

If you would like your local club or society to be added, please contact Vicki on 07513 173762/scortonpc.clerk@gmail.com.

### Scorton War Memorial Institute

For available dates and rates phone 01748 818799