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Letter from the Editor

Welcome to Winter in Haydon Wick

As we turn the final pages of another year, I'm delighted to present the Winter edition of Haydon Wick Living Magazine – a bumper issue brimming with community spirit, festive activities, and stories that truly capture the heart of our parish.

This edition reflects the remarkable energy and dedication that makes Haydon Wick such a special place to call home. From our Chairman's Report through to our comprehensive What's On guide, you'll discover the breadth of activities, initiatives, and opportunities that bring our community together.

Winter is traditionally a time for reflection and connection, and this issue does both beautifully. Read about the inspiring work of our Memory & Companions Café, celebrate the success of the 'Wildwick' 25 Summer Extravaganza, and mark your calendars for our festive Christmas Events. Whether you're interested in joining the Tuesday Art Group, exploring Seven Fields Nature Reserve, or participating in the North Swindon Fox Trail, there's something for everyone.

I'm particularly excited about the progress updates on our Community Led Plan and the innovative BMW Corporate Away Day Partnership, which demonstrate how we're building a vibrant, sustainable future for Haydon Wick together.

As the evenings draw in and we gather closer to home, I hope this magazine provides both inspiration and information. Don't miss our Winter Wordfit for a cosy puzzle challenge, and be sure to check our Programme of Events to stay connected throughout the season.

Your input is valuable! For suggestions on future content or parish activities, please contact me at editor@haydonwick.gov.uk.

Wishing you all a warm, wonderful winter season.



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Chairman's Update



The sun is still shining, but the days are beginning to feel cooler, and autumn is setting in after a long, dry summer. This change in season is a reminder of how important our green spaces, parks, and community facilities are for everyday life in Haydon Wick and Priory Vale.

I am hearing from many residents about wider national concerns. While those sit with the government and our MP, our focus is here at home. Local concerns shape daily life in our community, and that is where we can make a real difference together.

Over recent months, we have been working hard to ensure our area remains a safe, clean, and enjoyable place to live. Our community café sessions continue to provide a welcoming space for residents to meet, talk, and connect. Our summer event also brought families, friends, and neighbours together for a memorable day. These activities are part of our commitment to creating spaces where people feel included and valued.

Alongside events, our teams have been delivering on practical services. We have introduced a revised programme for grass cutting, hedge trimming, and weed spraying. This new approach was designed after listening to resident feedback and aims to keep our green areas to a good standard throughout the year. A dry summer created challenges for planting and grass growth, but we are adapting and maintaining the quality of our open spaces.

Community safety is another area we take seriously. As the nights draw in, good street lighting plays a big part in helping residents feel safe when out and about. Street lighting is managed by Swindon Borough Council. Faults or dim lights should be reported directly to them online at www.swindon.gov.uk/streetlights or by calling 01793 445500. Please let us know as well so we can follow up where needed. By working together with the Borough, we can help ensure our streets remain well lit, safe, and welcoming.

We are also tackling the problem of dog fouling. It remains one of the most frequent complaints from residents. Dog mess is unpleasant, can spread disease, and costs the parish time and money to clear. These are resources that could otherwise be spent improving facilities. We ask all dog owners to take responsibility, bag it, and bin it. Bins are available across the parish, and any public litter bin can be used. Where persistent issues are reported, our teams monitor hotspots and step up enforcement where possible.

With rising costs across the country, we are making careful choices to get the best value for every pound of parish funding. This means prioritising essential services, supporting community projects, and ensuring residents continue to see benefits for the council tax they contribute. Transparency and accountability remain central to our approach, and we are always open to questions or suggestions from residents.

As Councillors, our role is to represent your views and act in the best interests of the Parish. By working together, we can ensure the parish continues to be vibrant where people of all ages feel at home.

CLlr Vinay Manro
Chairman



Community Development Report

As Autumn arrives and the leaves begin to turn, I'm delighted to share a round-up of recent highlights and a glimpse of what's ahead for the Parish.

A Summer to Remember

This Summer has been both busy and rewarding for the Council. Our events and initiatives have brought residents together, supported wellbeing, and celebrated everything that makes Haydon Wick such a wonderful place to live. Here are just a few of the highlights:

WildWick Summer Extravaganza

Our WildWick events programme truly brought the community to life, with over 20 days of activities for all ages. Residents enjoyed creative workshops, wellbeing walks, family picnics, and live entertainment.

- **Nature & Creativity:** Families explored our green spaces through bat walks, nature photography, and "Pop by and Paint" craft days.
- **Bournemouth Coach Trips:** Two popular outings gave over 80 residents a classic day at the seaside—fun for families, friends, and solo travellers alike.

- **SK8Jam:** The skate park buzzed with energy as young people took part in competitions, learned new tricks, and enjoyed expert advice at our SK8Jam event.
- **Summer Event Finale:** The WildWick Summer Extravaganza at Trent Road Playing Field was a fitting finale, with live music, fun fair rides, animal encounters, creative workshops, and over 40 local stalls. We're proud to have raised over £500 from this event for The Kelly Foundation, supporting local mental health and wellbeing. Thank you to everyone who attended, volunteered, donated, or sponsored—your support made it all possible.



Ongoing Support & New Initiatives

We remain committed to offering initiatives that help residents stay active, connected, and cared for.

- **Memory Café:** Our Memory Café continues to provide a safe, welcoming space for those living with dementia and their carers. In August, we hosted a delightful Vintage Swing Tea Party, bringing music and joy to all who attended. We are also truly grateful to Rusland Cookery School and Highworth Masonic Lodge for their generous £400 donation to the Memory Café—this donation will go a long way.





- **Haydon Wick Haven:** The Haven remains a warm, friendly place for anyone in need, offering refreshments and a listening ear—a valued source of support and companionship.
- **Exercise Classes:** Our limited mobility exercise classes continue to be well attended and greatly appreciated, helping residents stay active and engaged.
- **Companions Café:** The Companions Café remains a valued space for social connection and support, ensuring everyone feels welcome and included.
- **Yoga Course:** Our popular 10-Week Strength and Flexibility Yoga Course is ongoing, supporting physical and mental wellbeing.
- **New Activities:** We've launched Craft & Connect Evenings and Tea, Toast & Talk Tuesdays—wonderful opportunities to meet new people, relax, and try something different in a welcoming atmosphere

Term Time Only

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NEW: Tea, Toast & Talk Tuesdays!

The perfect way to catch your breath after the school run madness

TEA, TOAST & TALK

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Community Grants

So far this year, we've awarded over £3,300 in grants to local groups including Swindon Community First Responders, The Roxi Foundation, Draycott Sports Camp, Emmanuel Church Lunch Club, Sherni Counselling, Greenmeadow Guides, St John's Ambulance. These funds are helping to improve emergency response, support neurodiverse families, and expand inclusive sports opportunities. If your group is making a difference in Haydon Wick, we encourage you to apply. The next deadline is 30th January 2026.

Can You Lend a Hand?

We're always looking for volunteers to help with:

- **Community events**
- **Litter picks and planting**
- **Driving the community bus**
- **Supporting our Community Cafés**

Whether you can spare an hour a week or help at a one-off event, your time makes a real difference. Volunteering is a great way to meet people, learn new skills, and give back to the community. If you're interested, please contact the Parish Office or visit our website to sign up.

Thank you to everyone who continues to support our community—your kindness and commitment are what make Haydon Wick such a special place to live.

Cllr Rebecca Ross

Chair of the Community Development Committee





Programme of Events

Event	Date	Time	Location
Limited Mobility Exercise	Monday 3rd November 25	11.30am - 12.00pm	Haydon Wick Parish Council
Ten Week Yoga Course	Monday 3rd November 25	7.00pm - 8.00pm	Haydon Wick Parish Council
Community Bus Trip	Wednesday 5th November 25	9.30am - 3.30pm	Bampton Garden Centre
Haydon Wick Craft & Connect	Thursday 6th November 25	6.30pm - 8.30pm	Haydon Wick Parish Council
Haydon Wick Haven	Monday 10th November 25	11.00am - 1.00pm	Haydon Wick Parish Council
Ten Week Yoga Course	Monday 10th November 25	7.00pm - 8.00pm	Haydon Wick Parish Council
Memory Café	Wednesday 12th November	10.30am - 12.30pm	Haydon Wick Bowls Club
Limited Mobility Exercise	Monday 17th November 25	11.30am - 12.00pm	Haydon Wick Parish Council
Ten Week Yoga Course	Monday 17th November 25	7.00pm - 8.00pm	Haydon Wick Parish Council
Haydon Wick Haven	Monday 24th November 25	11.00am - 1.00pm	Haydon Wick Parish Council
Ten Week Yoga Course	Monday 10th November 25	7.00pm - 8.00pm	Haydon Wick Parish Council
Remembrance Events	Tuesday 11th November 25	11.00am	Haydon Wick Parish Council
Christmas 'Drop & Shop' Youth Event	Saturday 15th November 25	2.00pm - 5pm	North Swindon Library
Memory Café	Wednesday 26th November 25	10.30am - 12.30pm	Haydon Wick Bowls Club
Companions Café	Thursday 27th November 25	10.00am - 12.00pm	Haydon Wick Parish Council
Limited Mobility Exercise	Monday 1st December 25	11.30am - 12.00pm	Haydon Wick Parish Council
Community Mini Bus Trip	Wednesday 3rd December 25	9.30am - 3.30pm	tbc
Christmas Carnival	Friday 5th December 25	4.00pm - 7.00pm	GLL Haydon Centre
Haydon Wick Haven	Monday 8th December 25	11.00am - 1.00pm	Haydon Wick Parish Council
Memory Café	Wednesday 10th December	10.30am - 12.30pm	Haydon Wick Bowls Club
Christmas Parcel Deliveries	Saturday 13th December 25	9.30pm - 1.30pm	Haydon Wick Parish Council
Limited Mobility Exercise	Monday 15th December 25	11.30am - 12.00pm	Haydon Wick Parish Council
Memory Café	Wednesday 17th December 25	10.30am - 12.30pm	Haydon Wick Bowls Club
Christmas Wreath Making	Wednesday 17th December 25	7.00pm - 9.00pm	Haydon Wick Parish Council
Youth Christmas Party	Monday 22nd December 25	4.00pm - 6.00pm	GLL Haydon Centre
Haydon Wick Haven	Monday 5th January 26	11.00am - 1.00pm	Haydon Wick Parish Council
Limited Mobility Exercise	Monday 12th January 26	11.30am - 12.00pm	Haydon Wick Parish Council
Memory Café	Wednesday 14th January 26	10.30am - 12.30pm	Haydon Wick Bowls Club
Haydon Wick Haven	Monday 5th January 26	11.00am - 1.00pm	Haydon Wick Parish Council
Companions Café	Thursday 22nd January 26	10.00am - 12.00pm	Haydon Wick Parish Council
Limited Mobility Exercise	Monday 26th January 26	11.30am - 12.00pm	Haydon Wick Parish Council
Memory Café	Wednesday 28th January 26	10.30am - 12.30pm	Haydon Wick Bowls Club

Christmas Card Competition



Calling all mini artists!

Spread joy to our wonderful Haydon Wick senior residents this festive season. Your special design could bring smiles to hundreds of faces in our community Christmas parcels

Take part in our annual Christmas Card Competition - a great activity to keep children busy over the weekends. Open to children up to the age of 11

WIN AN AMAZING PRIZE BUNDLE:

24 Christmas cards featuring YOUR design and a bag full of goodies!

Competition Closing Date: 17th November 25

Please return your masterpieces to the Parish Council Office Post Box on Thurston Avenue (SN25 1QQ)

For more information contact us on: 01793 722446

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Drop & Christmas Shop Afternoon



Saturday 15th November '25 | 2pm - 5pm

Venue: North Swindon Library, Orbital District Centre

£10 First Child & £5 Siblings

Enjoy an afternoon of shopping! Drop your children off and we will keep them entertained, with all things Christmas!



Crafts | Movies | Games | Stories | LEGO and Snacks!

For children aged 4 - 14 years old



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Family Christmas Lantern Workshop



An opportunity to make Christmas Lanterns to display at our Christmas Carnival!

Thursday, 20th November '25 | 4.30pm - 6:30pm

FREE

All you need to bring is an empty 5 litre plastic bottle per person and a bit of creativity. We will provide the rest!

Booking essential as limited spaces

Venue: Haydon Wick Parish Council Office (SN25 1QQ)



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Christmas Wreath Making Workshop



Join us for an evening of Crafting, Conversation and Christmas Cheer!

Wednesday, 17th December '25 | 6:30pm - 8:30pm

Book now - £15.00 each!

Price includes wicker wreath, foliage, selection of decorations, moss, twigs and snacks!

All you need to bring is a bit of creativity, maybe a bottle of wine (your choice) and any extra Christmas decorations or living flowers that will make your wreath unique.

Booking essential as limited spaces

Venue: Haydon Wick Parish Council Office (SN25 1QQ)

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Parks & Open Spaces Report

Online Reporting System Update

Since going live on 22nd July 2025, the system has already logged 194 jobs, with 61% successfully completed. The platform offers 24/7 online access, allowing you to submit requests anytime, anywhere, upload photos to show exactly what needs attention, and track progress from submission to completion.

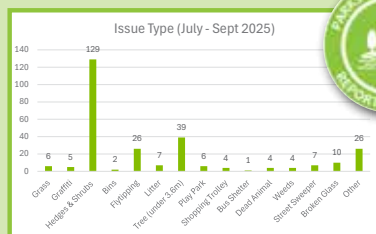
Prefer speaking to someone? You can still report issues via email, telephone, or by visiting our office. We're tracking all submission methods to ensure we're meeting residents' needs effectively.

Making a Real Difference

The system covers everything from grass maintenance and hedge cutting to fly-tipping and graffiti removal. Our priority classification ensures urgent issues like broken glass or obstructive branches are addressed within 2 days, while routine maintenance is scheduled appropriately.

Reports are efficiently distributed across our specialist teams—the Grounds Maintenance Team, Tidy Up Team and the Parks & Projects Team—ensuring expert attention for every issue.

Below you can see the range of reports from Parishioners:



Parks & Projects

Late last year, the Council received a very persuasive letter from a young resident called Ava (8 years old) who visited Capesthorpe Play Area regularly when staying with her grandparents.

Ava asked for the play area to be made more age appropriate and brought back to life as it was a bit outdated. Utilising some existing budget, the Team has enhanced the area by adding a spinning bowl, two swing seats, and four new play panels.

The floor has been cleaned and repaired, and the equipment has been painted and revitalised. The whole project cost £2,500.00 but has added a massive amount of value, a longer life span and major enhancement to the Council's well-loved asset.

Autumn/Winter Works & Scheduling

With the arrival of autumn and winter, grass cutting operations will conclude for the season. Maintenance priorities will transition to hedge trimming along boundaries and elevated areas, pruning of lower tree limbs, leaf removal, and managing wildflower zones to encourage vigorous spring growth.

Tree Survey 2025 - 2030

The Council has also completed its five yearly Tree Survey, assessing trees on land owned by or leased to the Council out of 120 actions, over half of these can be completed by our skilled Parks & Open Spaces Team. The rest of the works that require an arboricultural team will be done by external contractor. Some of the higher priority works have already been completed, with a full programme implemented for the 5-year period.

Help us keep our parks and open spaces beautiful—report issues today and see the difference your input makes!

Cllr Richard Hailstone

Chair of the Parks and Open Spaces Committee



Leisure Garden Updates...

While we have enjoyed a glorious summer, our leisure gardeners faced challenging conditions with the prolonged dry spell requiring constant watering. Their dedication has certainly been rewarded though, with this year's annual competition showcasing an exceptionally high standard of entries. There was even some good-natured competition among tenants, each hoping to claim a coveted prize! Our judges were especially struck by the diverse range of crops grown and the creative individuality of each plot.

We're delighted to announce this year's winners, who received their prizes at our Annual Plotholders Meeting in October:



WINNERS 2025

Rose Walk

- ★ 1st Place: Mr R Adsley (Plot 11B)
- ★ 2nd Place: Mr A Kembrey (Plot 25B)
- ★ 3rd Place: Mr D Hague (Plot 31B)

Goodearl

- ★ 1st Place: Mr R Neal (Plot 38)
- ★ 2nd Place: Mr K Humphries (Plot 11)
- ★ 3rd Place: Mr A Harris (Plot 26)

Ventnor

- ★ 1st Place: Mr M White (Plot 11)
- ★ 2nd Place: Mr R Gatt (Plot 7A)
- ★ 3rd Place: Mrs A Hunter (Plot 16)



The Judges



Keynote Speaker Alan Holland from Twigs



Winning Plot Holders

Our gardening community now receives a triannual newsletter packed with regular updates from our Leisure Garden representatives, seasonal recipes from Rusland Cookery School, expert growing advice, and more.



Best Newcomer Award

Mrs J Griffiths (Plot 9C, Rose Walk)

Leisure Garden Social Evening

This summer marked our inaugural Leisure Garden social evening at Rose Walk, blessed with perfect weather as the sun set over the gardens. We welcomed tenants from all our sites and look forward to hosting our next gathering at Ventnor Close this spring - continuing to strengthen connections within our leisure garden community.





Have Your Say: Shaping Haydon Wick's Future Together (2025-2028)

Community Led Action Plan

In 2022, you helped us understand what matters most to Haydon Wick residents. Your input shaped our community priorities — from cleaner streets to a more connected and caring parish.

Now, as we launch a new Community Led Action Plan for 2025-2028, we're inviting you to share your ideas, concerns, and priorities for the next three years. This is your chance to help guide future investment and action in our parish.

Your Priorities, Your Parish

Back in 2022, you told us what mattered most:

A Clean and Tidy Place

- Well-maintained streets and open spaces

A Kind and Caring Place

- A supportive and inclusive community

A Green and Sustainable Place

- Protecting our environment and promoting eco-friendly living

A Safe and Friendly Place

- A community where everyone feels secure and welcome

Have these priorities changed? What new challenges or opportunities do you see for Haydon Wick?

How You Can Get Involved

Share Your Views: Visit www.haydonwick.gov.uk/consultation-hub/ and complete our short survey to tell us your current priorities and ideas for investment.

Stay Informed: We'll be sharing updates and progress reports — follow our website and social media to keep up to date.

Spread the Word: Encourage friends, family, and neighbours to get involved. Every voice matters!

Your feedback will directly shape the new **Haydon Wick Community Led Action Plan 2025-2028** — ensuring it reflects what's most important to you and your community.

Together, let's build a cleaner, greener, safer, and more caring Haydon Wick — led by you, for you.

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Discover the Fox Trail



Explore Haydon Wick with a new family Autumn trail

This half term, families can discover more of North Swindon as the Active Swindon Trails come to Haydon Wick!

The 'North Swindon Fox Trail' is part of the Swindon Travel Choices Active Swindon Trails programme. It starts from the Haydon Centre and goes across some great local heritage, and historical sites, as well as places of natural beauty. It's 2.3 miles, flat and buggy-friendly. Four legged family members will enjoy it too.

There's a limited edition Fox badge available for the first 200 people to complete the trail, while everyone who completes one of the trails, is eligible for an entry into the season's prize draw. One lucky winner per season will receive £100 gift voucher in the grand prize draw, while five runners-up prizes for each trail will also be given out. Residents can enter the prize draw online from the Swindon Travel Choices website, by scanning the QR code on the trail leaflets or by posting their entry form in the post box at the

Haydon Centre when collecting a badge. The badges and prize draw entry close on New Year's Day.

You can pick up an Autumn trails leaflet with a map and instructions from the Haydon Centre, Swindon's core libraries (Central, West, North, Highworth and Park) and the Haydon Wick Parish Council offices. Residents can also download trail leaflets from the Swindon Travel Choices website.

The trail is one of three trails launched this autumn. The other 2 trails are

The Fish trail - a loop around Coate Water

The Butterfly trail - a linear route along the Old Town Railway Path.

Three brand new trails will launch for the Winter season on January 1st 2026.

Active Swindon
Trails Challenge





Memory & Companions Cafés Report



A caring community for those living with Dementia

A Summer of Connection at our Memory Café

August and September brought a vibrant celebration of nostalgia, music, and community spirit to Haydon Wick Bowls Club and Redhouse Community Centre, where residents gathered for experiences that sparked joy and awakened cherished memories.

A Touch of Vintage Elegance

The season opened with the annual Summer Vintage Tea Dance, transforming the Redhouse Community Centre into a scene from a bygone era. Guest vocalist Miss Em's melodic performances set the tone as attendees enjoyed full cream tea served on authentic bone china. The afternoon came alive with the sound of swing melodies from the 1940s

and 1950s, filling the dance floor with laughter and the gentle shuffle of dancing feet.

Seaside Memories

Mid-August brought something truly special—an innovative collaboration with Historic England that recreated a sensory-rich seaside experience. The highlight was a treasure hunt where sea creatures were hidden in sand for residents to discover, awakening tactile memories and creating genuine excitement. Participants also crafted colourful windmills, engaging both creativity and motor skills. New entertainer Donna's warm vocals had everyone singing along to familiar favourites, while the Ukulele Jury's charming "little ditties" closed the month with toe-tapping rhythms.

Supporting Those Who Care

The Companions Café continued its vital role as one of only two such facilities in Swindon. The Alzheimer's Society delivered an informative presentation on current research developments, reinforcing the Café's importance as an essential resource for companions navigating their loved ones' dementia journey. The Café offers not just practical information, but emotional support and community connection for those who often feel isolated in their caring responsibilities.



A Trip Back to the Sixties

September launched with a nostalgic journey to 1960s Swindon, exploring the teenage experience of that vibrant decade. Animated conversations flowed as participants shared memories of fashion trends, local dance venues, and the shops that lined the bustling high street. The month concluded with regular entertainer Nikki leading an uplifting session of singing and dancing, followed by Lin's popular seated exercise program—the perfect blend of musical nostalgia and gentle physical activity.





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Christmas Services at St John's Haydon Wick

29th November

10am – 2pm Christmas Craft Fayre

7th December

10.30am Children's Nativity Christmas Service

Come dressed as someone from the nativity

14th December

4:30pm Christingle Service

There will be fun, carols and oranges. This service is perfect for all the family

21st December

6.30pm Carols by Candlelight

A traditional service of carols and readings with mulled wine and mince pies served after the service

24th December, Christmas Eve

11pm Midnight Holy Communion Service

Traditional Carols & Communion service seeing in Christmas Day

25th December

10am Christmas Day Service

An informal all-age celebration

28th December

10am Carols & Holy Communion Service

St John's church is on the corner of Westfield Way and Thames Avenue next to Morrisons.

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Kindness on a Plate: Lunchtimes at Haydonleigh Primary School

At Haydonleigh Primary School, lunchtime is about more than eating — it's about kindness, togetherness, and the joy of sharing good food. At the heart of it all is **Catering Manager, Karen McFadyen**, who has been making lunchtimes special since 2007.

This year, Karen was shortlisted for a Jamie Oliver Good School Food Award, which celebrates the dedication of people who go above and beyond in school catering. Although she didn't win, the judges loved reading her story and called her "a legend" — something everyone at Haydonleigh already knows.

Karen's food is not just nutritious but made with warmth and care. Children describe her cooking with enthusiasm that speaks volumes:



Of course, behind every great school meal is a great team. Karen is supported by a dedicated kitchen team, who work tirelessly each day to prepare meals, serve with smiles, and make sure every child is cared for. Together, they bring warmth and kindness to the dining hall, creating an atmosphere where children feel welcome and valued.

It's clear that lunchtimes bring joy, comfort, and togetherness. From roast dinners that gather children around the table to themed lunches that bring the whole school community together, food at Haydonleigh is about creating memories as well as meals.

Headteacher Mrs Sharon Peapell said: "*Karen embodies our values of kindness and togetherness. She makes every child feel welcome at the table, and her food helps create a sense of family in our school.*"

For the children, it's simple: "*Everything is so yummy!*"

Karen's shortlisting is recognition of something the Haydonleigh family sees every day — her kindness, her care, and the way she helps turn lunchtime into one of the happiest parts of the school day.



"The school dinners are really good and the dinner ladies are really nice and kind."

"The school dinners make my day! You can't not like them."

"My favourite is the roast dinner – the chicken tastes incredible."

"I really love the blueberry muffins because they are delicious."

Staff News

From Work Experience to Workforce:

Student's Parish Council Placement Leads to New Role

By Isaac Tunley

As part of my education at Cirencester College, I needed to complete relevant work experience for my A-level studies. At first, this felt like a chore; an assessment that had to be done. However, having sought to do two weeks of working for the Parish Council, I have had an unforgettable and fulfilling experience volunteering and helping out!

As part of my work experience in July, I worked on a number of different jobs, from door knocking and bingo at the Memory Café to participating in Full Council meetings and drafting reports for the officers. This variety of work really represents the diversity of what the Parish Council is responsible for. The most inspirational part of my experience was volunteering at the Community Cafés the Council puts on. Directly helping out and seeing so many smiles across so many faces is a perfect demonstration of the positive impact the Parish Council has on the lives of residents.

Living in the Parish, previously I knew very little about the work of the Council or what it even does. After getting stuck into the experience, however, I can honestly say that the parish is responsible for so much more than most realise. Additionally, I've come to appreciate how much Haydon Wick is supported by countless volunteers, from our litter pickers to minibus drivers, who give up their time to help strengthen the community of the Parish. In my time here, it has been quite uplifting to see their work directly have a positive impact on the lives of others.

Behind the scenes, it has been beyond evident to me the hard graft that everyone puts in to make sure Haydon Wick is a community that is inclusive and prospers together. Sometimes, it can feel like mountains have to be moved, but things are getting done for the benefit of everyone. The effort of the Councillors and Officers to create a successful Summer Extravaganza is a perfect example of the good work being done for Haydon Wick.

I truly value my two weeks working at the Parish Council. I've learnt so many transferable and real-world skills that are hard to come by. Work experience and volunteering of any kind for the Parish Council is very underrated, and I would absolutely recommend it, as everyone is welcoming and it is very rewarding. Overall, I have deeply enjoyed my work experience for the parish council!



Isaac Joins the Team

Having successfully completed his two weeks of work experience, it was evident that Isaac's analytical mind and attention to detail could benefit the Council on a regular basis. His ability to tackle diverse tasks—from community engagement to report writing—demonstrated exactly the kind of adaptable, systematic thinking the Council needs for its ongoing projects.

The Council is delighted to announce that Isaac will be joining the team as a Casual Administrator, working under the direction of the Chief Officer and Deputy Clerk on projects that strengthen the Council's governance, compliance, and community engagement.



Community Choices ...Exciting News!



Haydon Wick's Fitness Revolution: When Community Vision Meets Local Expertise

Two groundbreaking outdoor projects prove that listening to residents pays off!

By the time you read this, Haydon Wick residents should already be making the most of two transformative outdoor spaces that showcase what happens when community voices drive real change.

Breaking Down Gym Barriers

Forget expensive memberships and crowded indoor spaces. The new White Eagle Outdoor Gym is rewriting the rules of community fitness, offering professional-grade equipment under open skies. Strategically located overlooking the play area and multi-use games area on a popular walking route, it's the perfect community hub for the whole family.

The equipment lineup reads like a wish list for fitness enthusiasts: cross trainers, steppers, and strength training stations including shoulder press and bicep curl machines with adjustable resistance. The real

game-changer is the accessible hand and pedal bike, ensuring the facility welcomes users regardless of physical ability. A calisthenics rig offers pull-up bars and dip stations for bodyweight fitness enthusiasts.

Every detail has been considered. The striking black surface with green flecks provides safe, all-weather grip while blending with the natural environment. Secure fencing keeps the exercise area dog-free, addressing a common concern.

The project represents a masterclass in local partnership. Harlequin Play, a county-wide specialist, began work in early September with completion set for early November. *"While we complete similar projects all over the country, forming a partnership between our local business and our local parish council is really special,"* explains Managing Director Liam Andrews. *"It's a great opportunity to create a fantastic outdoor space and boost the local economy by using local labour and suppliers."*

An opening event will be planned in due course... so keep your eyes peeled for future updates.



Haydon Wick Dog Park

- Tails Wagging, Owners Smiling



Planning & Highways Report

Swindon Local Plan 2023–2043 – Representing Our Community

At the time of writing, Haydon Wick Parish Council is finalising its response to Swindon Borough Council's draft Local Plan 2023–2043, currently out for public consultation.

Representing a large and vibrant community across Priory Vale and Haydon Wick, the Council is working hard to ensure residents' voices are heard.

While no major new housing is planned within the parish, large-scale developments in Kingsdown, Blunsdon and Tadpole will significantly affect local infrastructure and services.

Councillors are therefore focussing on securing a fair, sustainable and well-supported future for our community.

At Goodearl Open Space, another community success story is unfolding. The new dog play area might seem modest, but its impact on local quality of life is anything but small.

The 18m x 15m fenced space emerged from grassroots activism—a resident petition that gained overwhelming support through community choice consultation. Here's participatory democracy in action.

Local business Muddy Squad stepped up as a sponsor, while the Parks & Open Spaces Team committed to regular maintenance. The design starts simple—secure fencing, a bench, and waste bins—but with a promise of evolution based on ongoing community feedback.

Key Priorities:

- **Protect Community Assets:** Safeguard our Open Spaces, Play Parks, Allotments and Leisure Gardens.
- **Infrastructure First:** Ensure roads, schools, health services and community facilities are delivered before new housing is occupied.
- **Transport and Congestion:** Press for upgrades to Thamesdown Drive, Lady Lane and the A419, and better bus and cycle routes.
- **Health and Education:** Campaign for new GP surgeries, school places, and accessible local services.
- **Green Spaces and Biodiversity:** Guarantee no net loss of green space and deliver local biodiversity improvements.
- **Fair Funding:** Make developers cover the full cost of new infrastructure and parish-managed assets.
- **Climate, Flooding and Community Balance:** Plan for resilience while protecting the character and liveability of our neighbourhoods.
- **Partnership Working:** Ensure all parishes across the Borough are recognised as key delivery partners.

The Council's message is clear: growth must not come at the expense of existing communities.

Elsewhere, Councillors are continuing to represent residents on local issues, including the introduction of Swindon Borough Council's 20mph trial in Bryony Way, and calls for improved road markings. Haydon Wick Parish Council will continue to lobby for safer, better-maintained roads and visible highway improvements.

Cllr Adam John

Chair of Planning & Highways Committee

The Power of Listening

These projects demonstrate what happens when authorities genuinely listen and respond with action. The outdoor gym removes barriers like high costs and limited accessibility, while the dog area benefits the entire community by reducing conflicts and providing safe spaces for pets.

A Template for Success

Haydon Wick has created a replicable model combining genuine consultation, local business partnership, and thoughtful design. These facilities prove that when local authorities listen to residents and work with local businesses, everyone wins.



Haydon Wick A Caring

Haydon Wick Councillors Pedal for Mental Health: Community Rallies Behind £9,000 Challenge

When Haydon Wick Parish Councillors decided to champion mental health support in their community, they didn't just talk about making a difference—they got on their bikes. Literally. The Council is raising £9,000 for The Kelly Foundation, a Swindon-based mental health charity working to establish a dedicated Mental Health Hub for the local community.

Why This Matters

Mental health support should be accessible to everyone who needs it. The Kelly Foundation provides compassionate support to those struggling with mental health challenges across Swindon, and every pound raised will go directly towards helping to establish this crucial Mental Health Hub.

A Summer of Success

The campaign launched at local school fetes and the Summer Extravaganza with penalty shootouts and raffles. The momentum continued with the Choc'teasers Bingo & Quiz Night at Haydon Wick Club on 10th October, organised by Cllr John, where a fun evening was had by all. A chocolate allsorts of bingo, tasting challenges, and quiz questions raised £500 to add to the running total.

The Ultimate Challenge: 240 Miles in 24 Hours

When: 21st November

Where: Haydon Wick Parish Council

Now comes the biggest test. On 21st November, our Councillors will cycle 240 miles in 24 consecutive hours on spin bikes provided by GLL Haydon Centre—roughly the distance from Swindon to the Scottish Highlands. The entire challenge will be live-streamed throughout the weekend. Tune in to cheer them on and show your support by sponsoring their incredible effort.

Do you know a Haydon Wick Hero?

Is there someone in our community who goes above and beyond to make Haydon Wick a wonderful place to live? The Council wants to celebrate those who make a real difference, and we're now seeking nominations for the Haydon Wick Heroes of 2025.

Award Categories:
Volunteer of the Year
Young Achiever of the Year
Community Group of the Year

Winners will be honoured at a special presentation during the Annual Parish Meeting in March 2026, where they'll receive their award alongside their families.

How to Nominate:

Submit your nomination through our website at www.haydonwick.gov.uk/haydon-wick-heroes, email admin@haydonwick.gov.uk, or call 01793 722446.

Help us recognise the people who make our community shine!



Volunteer Minibus Drivers Required!

Can you spare some time?

If you want to find out more please express your interest at the link below or contact: admin@haydonwick.gov.uk or 01793 722446

www.haydonwick.gov.uk/volunteer-opportunities/

Community...



Get Involved

More fundraising events are planned, including an Auction of Promises and tombolas. Learn more about The Kelly Foundation at 4kelly.org

From summer penalty shootouts to the chocolate quiz night, and now to the ultimate endurance challenge, the Councillors are raising awareness, breaking down stigma, and proving that mental health matters to everyone.

The clock is ticking. On 21st November, the pedals will start turning. Can you help them reach the finish line and establish the Mental Health Hub our community needs?

Together, we can pedal towards a healthier, happier Swindon—one mile, one pound, and one person at a time.

To sponsor the Bikeathon or donate, please scan the QR Code.



Remembrance Services

We welcome you to join the following events to mark this moment and pay your respects:

Tuesday 11th November, 11.00am at the Parish Council Offices (Tommy Figure), Thames Avenue, where Councillors Jimmy, Fateru and Ireland will be laying a wreath.

Sunday 9th November, 11.00am near the Play Area on Havisham Drive (SN25 1TX) where Councillor John will be laying a wreath.

Sunday 9th November, 10.30am, where Councillor Manro will be joining with the community of Swindon to lay a wreath at the Swindon Cenotaph, Regent Circus

We have knitted poppies available at the Parish Office for purchase. A huge thank you to Swindon BIG Knit for kindly creating these beautiful poppies for us.

MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT



Macmillan Coffee Morning '25

We were delighted by the fantastic turnout and overwhelming support for this year's event. Thanks to everyone's generous contributions, we raised an impressive £315 – a tremendous achievement.

Our talented volunteers created a delicious array of homemade treats, including all the classics: fruit cakes, lemon drizzle, Bakewell tart, carrot cake, Victoria sponge, and an assortment of biscuits.

It was heartwarming to welcome so many people who came together to support this worthy cause, forge new friendships, and share enjoyable conversations.

Thank You!

Bakers and donation makers...

You make our community truly special!

With your help we raised £315!



Haydon Wick Parish Council



WILDWICK '25



What happens when you mix art, adventure, and a whole lot of community spirit? You get the WILDWICK '25 Summer Extravaganza - and what a summer it was!

From 28th July to 16th August, Haydon Wick transformed into a vibrant celebration of creativity, nature, and togetherness. Over 20 action-packed days, we brought you everything from bat walks to beach trips, wood carving to skating sessions, and so much more. Here's a look back at all the brilliant moments that made this summer unforgettable.

Crafting Memories Together

Our Thursday "Pop in and Craft" sessions became the summer highlight we didn't know we needed! Children and parents experimented with everything from Jackson Pollock-inspired splatter painting to creating stunning recycled banner murals. The best part? These weren't just activities - they became beautiful outdoor artworks that brightened up our community spaces.

Recycled plastic bottle flowers bloomed at Goodearl and Rose Walk Leisure gardens, while paper flowers from our Craft and Connect sessions added a splash of colour to our main event area. Who knew trash could look so fabulous?



Going Batty for Nature!

Our Batty Adventure at Moulton Hill Country Park with Wiltshire Wildlife Trust was an absolute triumph! We welcomed around **50 participants** - more than four times last year's turnout. The addition of story time from Swindon Story Shed set the perfect scene before we ventured out to meet our nocturnal neighbours. There's something magical about discovering the wildlife that shares our community after dark!

Meanwhile, at Seven Fields Nature Reserve, families got up close with local biodiversity through our "Capture the Wild" photography sessions, proving that you don't need to travel far to find adventure.

The Thyme Close Transformation

One of our most exciting projects was starting to breath new life into Thyme Close Play Area. Thanks to £1,500 from the annual Community Choices consultation and the incredible skills of wood carver Rob, ordinary wooden slabs became extraordinary wildlife sculptures. Snails, owls, and squirrels now watch over the playground, delighting children and adding character to the space. See also page 10.

The community response was phenomenal - **13 families** from Pembroke Park completed consultation forms, and over **60 residents** attended our two Thyme Close events. It's amazing what happens when a community comes together to shape its own spaces! The project doesn't stop there - watch out for more development coming soon.

Surprises and Sunshine

Sometimes the best moments are the unexpected ones. Our yoga taster session, originally aimed at teenagers, found its sweet spot with adults aged 30-45 and some lovely father-daughter duos. It's a perfect reminder that keeping flexible and welcoming everyone creates the most magic.

- 20 Days of Community Magic!



And let's not forget our Razamatazz family picnic at Luna Play Park – **180+ people** joined us for an afternoon of entertainment that had everyone smiling. From magic tricks to games, it was pure summer joy.

SK8Jam, Beach Days, and Dancing the Afternoon Away

The fun didn't stop there! Our partnership with ATBShop brought SK8Jam to life, while two coach trips whisked lucky parishioners off to Bournemouth for seaside adventures. Plus, our Over 60s Tea Dance at Redhouse Community Centre proved that moving and grooving is timeless!

The Grand Finale: A Festival to Remember!

Saturday 16th August was the moment we'd all been waiting for – and Trent Road Playing Field absolutely came alive! We transformed our local green space into a full-blown festival of fun that had something for everyone.

Live music from talented local artists provided the perfect summer soundtrack while stilt walkers towered above the crowds and bubble makers created magical floating spheres that had children (and adults!) chasing them across the field. The circus skills area saw budding acrobats trying their hand at new tricks, filling the air with laughter and amazement.

Our avenue of market stalls, courtesy of brilliant local traders, offered everything from unique gifts to tasty treats. Meanwhile, the petting farm area was an absolute hit – who could resist those adorable goats, fluffy ducklings, and gentle pony? The joy on children's faces as they met these furry and feathered friends was priceless.

The funfair brought all the classic fun with bungee trampolines, slides, and the ever-popular hook-a-duck. Free crafting activities kept creative minds busy, while the "soak your councillor" opportunity proved unexpectedly popular – let's just say our councillors took it in good spirit and got thoroughly drenched for a good cause – raising funds for The Kelly Foundation!

The Haydon Vale Team led an exciting target shoot-out that had competitors of all ages testing their aim, while ice cream vendors, a bar for the grown-ups, and delicious food stalls ensured nobody went hungry or thirsty. It was the perfect recipe for a summer celebration!

What It All Means

Beyond the numbers and the smiles, the WILDWICK '25 Summer Extravaganza achieved something special: it brought our community closer together. We celebrated creativity, discovered the nature on our doorstep, learned new skills, and made memories that will last long after the summer sun faded.

Building on the success of our 2024 programme, this year's extravaganza showed what's possible when a community commits to celebrating itself. Every craft session, every nature walk, every shared picnic blanket strengthened the bonds that make Haydon Wick such a wonderful place to call home.

Thank You!

To everyone who joined us – whether you painted, carved, skated, walked, danced, or simply came along to soak up the atmosphere – **thank you**. And of course thank you to our sponsors: **Specsaver, Harlequin, Dave Matthews Construction, Cross Street Garage, Coles Scaffolding, George Scarrott's Fun Fair** you made WILDWICK '25 the success it was. Here's to many more summers of community celebration!

Already missing the fun? Keep an eye out for upcoming events and ways to get involved in making Haydon Wick even more vibrant. **Turn the page to see details of our next big event - Haydon Wick Christmas Carnival!**



"The best way to spread Christmas cheer is singing loud for all to hear." – Buddy

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The poster for the Youth Christmas Party features a purple background with snowflakes. On the left is a cartoon elf with a green hat and a penguin wearing a red scarf. On the right is Santa Claus holding a red flag. The Haydon Wick Parish Council logo is at the top center. The title 'Youth Christmas Party' is in a large, white, cursive font. Below it, 'with... RAZAMATAZZ' is written in a colorful, stylized font. The date and time are 'Monday 22nd December 4pm - 6pm'. The location is 'GLL Haydon Centre'. The activities are 'Magic Fun • Games • Prizes'. A circular badge on the left says '£2 per child'. At the bottom, it says 'Visit website to book. For more information contact us on: 01793 722446'. Social media icons for Facebook and Instagram are shown with the handle '@HaydonWickParishCouncil' and the website 'www.haydonwick.gov.uk'. The Haydon Wick Parish Council logo is also at the bottom right.

Haydon Wick Parish Council

Youth Christmas Party

with... **RAZAMATAZZ**

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HAYDON WICK PARISH COUNCIL DEVELOPING YOUR COMMUNITY



Christmas Parcel Scheme '25

The Council is pleased to say that this year it will again be running the Christmas Parcel Scheme

To qualify for a parcel you must be 70 years of age or over as at 1st December 2025, live alone, and be a resident in Oakhurst, Taw Hill, Priory Vale, Haydon Wick Village, Haydon End, Abbey Meads, Haydon View, Haydonleigh, Greenmeadow, Pembroke Park, Woodhall Park or Western Moredon.

Please complete the application form below and return it to the Council Offices, Thames Avenue, Haydon Wick, Swindon, SN25 1QQ by no later than **Wednesday 10th December 2025**. Parcels will be delivered on **Saturday 13th December 2025 between 10.30 am and 3.30pm.**

Christmas Parcels Scheme 2025 Application Form *(please tick)*

I live alone in the Parish

Yes ☐

No ☐

I am over the age of 70 years or will be by 1st December 2025

Yes ☐

No ☐

Someone will be in on Sat. 13th December between 10.30am & 3.30pm.

Yes ☐

No ☐

I would like to receive a vegetarian parcel

Yes ☐

No ☐

Name:

(please print)

Address:

Date of Birth:

Date of Application:

Signature:

Emergency Contact Name & No:

Please return to Haydon Wick Parish Council, The Council Offices, Thames Avenue, Haydon Wick, Swindon, SN25 1QQ by Wednesday 10th December 2025.

By submitting this application you are agreeing to Haydon Wick Parish Council holding on to your data to administer the Parcel arrangements in accordance with GDPR regulations.

Young at Heart: A Year to Remember

Fridays, 1.30pm - 4pm, Haydon Wick Club

As Autumn leaves begin to fall, we can't help but look back on what has been an absolutely wonderful summer for the Young at Heart Over 60's Club. It's hard to believe how quickly the months have flown by, filled with laughter, friendship, and unforgettable adventures!

A Summer of Adventures

Our year kicked off with our first outing to Cardiff in May, along with a celebration tea commemorating VE Day and our Spring Holiday to Torquay. June brought us to Bournemouth for a delightful day trip, followed by Barry Island in July and a boat trip in August. September was particularly special with a train journey and our club's birthday celebrations – complete with entertainment, dancing, and birthday tea.

Entertainment That Keeps Us Dancing

This year has been exceptional for entertainment, with many new performers keeping us thoroughly entertained and on our feet.

Looking Ahead to the Festive Season

The fun isn't over yet! We're excitedly counting down to our Turkey and Tinsel Holiday in Llandudno this November, followed by our Christmas raffle at the end of the month and our Christmas Lunch in December. What a year it's been!

For more information, contact: Wendy Whelan (Chair)

Tel: 07766 965415

Haydon Wick Over 60's Club

Alternate Mondays, 1.30pm - 4pm Haydon Wick Club

Our outing in July was to Portsmouth. It was quite a warm day so a boat trip around the harbour was an attractive option. Large shopping mall, marine museums were also on offer. Lunch in the Spineker was enjoyed by some members. Once again an enjoyable trip.

September saw us off for a day to Worcester, a bit of a mixed bag weatherwise, but there were plenty of places to go when the showers came. The cathedral is a beautiful building well worth visiting and on a sunny day the riverside walk is lovely. Both trips were well supported so thanks to the 'trippers'. We have had varied afternoon entertainments with singing, talks with slides and bring and buy with quiz.

If you would like to know more please contact our **Chairperson Shirley on: 01793 725867**. If you live in the Parish we are lucky to have the use of the community bus to pick up and drop off.

Here's wishing our club members and all readers a very happy Christmas and to happy 'clubbing' in 2026.

Pat Cutting

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Please note all Ward Councillors were contacted for a report.



Haydon Wick Ward Update

Councillor Stanka Wilson (Adamcova)

Community Engagement

This Summer has been all about connecting with the community — whether through door-knocking or attending events. The Armed Forces Day in Lydiard Park, organised by Swindon Borough Council, was a real highlight, bringing people together to celebrate the 80th anniversary of the end of the Second World War with a great atmosphere and strong community spirit.

I also had the chance to visit the Swindon Community Fridge, where I learned more about their mission to fight food waste and help tackle food poverty, loneliness, and isolation. I supported the CPR-a-thon organized by Brighter Futures. It was a great way to raise awareness about the importance of CPR skills, which can help save people's lives.

In July, I took part in the Longevity Games at the new Moredon Sporting Hub and also joined a few Park Runs — great ways to stay active and connect with the community. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the organisers and volunteers of both events for their incredible dedication and passion. Their hard work truly makes a difference in bringing people together and supporting our residents.

In August, I attended the Summer Extravaganza organised by the Parish Council — an event that keeps getting better each year! I am already looking forward to next year's edition.

Road Safety

The road markings on Westfield Way and Thames Avenue have been freshly repainted — a win for road safety! I have been advocating for this for some time, especially after highlighting the faded roundabout near Morrisons, so I am thrilled to see action taken.



In the neighbourhood of Woodhall Park (Bryony way and adjacent areas), I have been campaigning for a 20mph speed limit after hearing local concerns about road safety. With strong community support — including over 100 petition signatures — the formal consultation has now closed. I will keep residents updated on next steps.

Our Community

Please continue getting in touch and sharing your views on how we can improve our community. You can email me SWilson4@swindon.gov.uk or phone 07809692046.



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Tuesday Art Group

In recent weeks, the group members have been busy creating all manner of artworks. The hot summer we experienced this year proved to be quite a challenge - some members found that their paints dried out too quickly, or just found it too hot to lift a paintbrush! Others were inspired by the sunny days and created colourful scenes, like some of the pictures shown here.

Whether we take our inspiration from local scenes, animals, people or vehicles, we all enjoy the process of creating art, and seeing how others create wonderful works of art from a blank canvas. In November we will have an acrylic painting demonstration of a landscape by a Wiltshire artist, which will be a great opportunity to learn new techniques and watch the creative process in depth.

We are a small and friendly group, and we paint whatever takes our fancy, without any rules or restrictions. You can also view our website for more paintings: www.tuesdayartgroup.com. We meet on Tuesday mornings from 10am to 12 noon at the Haydon Wick Parish Council building on the ground floor, which has disabled access and toilet facilities, with nearby parking and bus services. However, the group is currently fully subscribed and we are unable to take on new members at this time, due to space restrictions.



Jean Page - French Guy



Dave Bartlett - Riverside



Christine Hughes - Poppy



John Law - Vintage Car



Seven Fields Nature Reserve

This summer has been memorable mainly for the very warm, sometimes hot dry weather.

This has brought a mixed bag of abundance and struggles for some species in the meadows. There has been what's called a mast year for trees, producing prolific amounts of blossom, fruit and berries, whilst flowers such as orchids have not liked the drier conditions. Yellow rattle has also been less prolific this summer. These conditions have meant an earlier and shorter season for the wild flowers.

Looking forward to autumn, whilst the hay cut has been very late, when it came it was very welcome and a relief for group members. Without the haycut, the meadows would cease to be unimproved, resulting in unsuitable soil for wild flowers to thrive. However, the apples, acorns, blackberries, sloes, elder berries, hips and haws will provide much needed food for wildlife.

The conservation group members have been busy working with Haydon Wick Parish Council to re route the mown paths which significantly widened over the previous winter leaving the meadows smaller. We would like to thank the Parks and Open Spaces Team at Haydon Wick for their active support to create new paths nearer the hedgerows. Our thanks also go to walkers who have been using the new paths. The park run volunteers have done a sterling job of trying to fill in the cracks and chasms created by the lack of rain. Another group of unsung heroes are the litter pickers, who go literally out of their way to clear the meadows and wooded areas of rubbish. Thank you!

Finally, our members have been organising a public meeting in September to promote the work of the group and to attract new members, more news on this hopefully in the next issue.

Maureen Adsley



For more information, visit the Seven Fields Conservation Group & Seven Fields Reserve facebook pages.

Photo Credit: Maureen Adsley



Seven Fields parkrun

Growing, Welcoming, and Preparing for Winter...

It's been a fantastic few months at Seven Fields parkrun! Numbers are strong, community spirit is high, and as autumn draws in the team is planning ahead to keep the event safe and enjoyable for all.

Recent Highlights

Our average attendance has settled around 200 participants each week, including walkers, joggers, runners, first-timers, volunteers and spectators. At event #235, we celebrated the transition into meteorological autumn 2025 with crisp air and great company.

Changes Ahead as the Weather Turns

As weather becomes more unpredictable—wetter ground, heavier rains—we want to protect our precious meadow paths. To achieve this:

- At some point in autumn or early winter, we'll move to our alternative route via Pond Street until conditions improve.
- The alternative route is less vulnerable to waterlogging, helping preserve the meadow paths and avoid muddy sections.
- We'll announce the switch via Facebook and email in advance.

Christmas Day parkrun

We're delighted to confirm our special Christmas Day event again this year! A festive, fun way to start Christmas morning. Watch for details, but save the date now.

Everyone's Welcome: How to Get Involved

parkrun is for everyone — all ages, all speeds, all fitness levels. Whether you walk, jog, run, volunteer, or spectate, you're welcome.

How to sign up:

1. Go to the parkrun UK website and find Seven Fields parkrun.
2. Register (free) with basic details.
3. Print or save your barcode (or get it via the app).
4. Turn up Saturdays at 9:00am in comfortable gear.

For questions or to volunteer, our team will be delighted to help.

Parkwalk Initiative

For those who prefer walking, Parkwalk offers the chance to participate without pressure, with all the same camaraderie. It's inclusive, friendly, and enriches our event.

We hope to see you at Seven Fields—whether regularly or just once. Bring a friend, enjoy fresh air, nature, and a warm welcome.

Kind regards

Phil, Event Director, Seven Fields parkrun



Step Out Swindon

Our summer didn't get off to a great start weather wise, in May, when our day out in Bournemouth was a very wet day. Despite the weather, we managed a great walk in the beautiful gardens and braved the strong wind on the Pier. As always, we also enjoyed the various restaurants, bars, and fish and chip venues.

Thankfully the weather improved and we have enjoyed some great walking in the sun, which allowed us to walk in the greener parts of the Parish, like Seven Fields, more regularly.

We continue to welcome new walkers to both of our Haydon Wick Thursday walks. The shorter Gentle Mobility Walk offers those with less mobility the opportunity to exercise as much, or as little, as they are able. Walkers get as far as they can, stop and then turn back when they feel the need, all supported by trained volunteers.

The longer 1 hour walk stretches the legs more and should help your heart and lungs work better. Walking at pace can keep your weight down, lower your blood pressure, keep your joints, bones and muscles strong and increase the good cholesterol in your body.

As well as taking part in our walks we offer the opportunity to socialise with friends old and new, both during and after the walk, when we return to the Haydon Centre for refreshments and a chat. We

also offer events like our regular Summer Social at the Haydon Wick Club, which this year quickly sold out. We also look forward to our Skittles evening with fish and chips in October and the Christmas Party in December.

As well as the Haydon walks on Thursday morning we offer other walks around the town. On Monday at 10.00 you can join us at Penhill, at 10.30 at Christ Church and at 2.00 we start from both Covingham and Lower Shaw Farm. On Thursday at 10.00 we also have Wroughton and at 2.00 we start from TKMaxx on Mannington Retail Park. With a 10.30 start from Croft on Friday.

All our walks are free, led by trained volunteers and we offer refreshments after most walks for a small donation. No need to book just arrive a few minutes before the start time to register.

Our walks are different every week and take you to interesting places which may be new to you. We guarantee a friendly group whichever you choose to join. **For further details check our website: www.ramblers.org.uk/wellbeing-walks, our Facebook page at Step Out Swindon Wellbeing Walks or contact me at info@stepoutswindon.org.uk or by phone on 07932 109209**

Grahame Lee
Step Out Swindon Scheme Leader



Haydon Artist' Society

For the past few weeks we have been getting ready for Swindon Open Studios. This is the third year we have taken part in it. We have had lots of visitors and have sold a number of pieces of art.

Having been at Cheney Manor Bowls club for over 10 years now we have moved to a new venue. The Des Moffat Community Centre on the Corner of Somerset Road and Cheney Manor Road is our new home. This is particularly poignant for us as Darren Moffat (son of Des Moffat) was a member of our group until May last year when he sadly passed away. Facilities are similar to those at the bowls club and, as ever, we welcome new members to come along on a Thursday evening between 6:30pm and 9:00pm and see the variety of arts and crafts which members are involved with.

Two of our crafters, Cath and Lyn, have created some magical crocheted dragons. They are both made with different kinds of wool.

We have challenges every two months and the August challenge was "metal". For once our resident cartoonist entered the challenge with the picture and terrible joke alongside.



Our next few challenges include leaves and fabric.

For further information contact Barbara Moody on 01793 722410.

You can also visit our website: www.haydonartists.co.uk.



To receive our regular news bulletin direct to your inbox sign up now at: www.haydonwick.gov.uk/latest-news



Haydon Wick Bowls Club



Haydon Wick Bowls Club is located behind the Haydon Centre, off Thames Avenue. The Club opened in 1999 with the help of Haydon Wick Parish Council funding and currently has around 100 playing and 35 social members. First and foremost we play bowls for fun and welcome those new to the sport, offering free coaching on Monday nights during the outdoor season. There is plenty of opportunity to play informal matches as well as competing in the various Swindon and District and Wiltshire leagues. League matches mostly take place in the evening so that people can play after work.

Playing Lawn Bowls is good a way of getting regular exercise while making new friends and need not be an expensive sport to play. The Club has a stock of second-hand bowls for sale. The only requirement for coming to the free coaching is that you wear flat soled shoes to protect the green.

The outdoor season runs from April to September. For the rest of the year many of us bowl indoors at Swindon Manor Bowls Club on

Cheney Manor Industrial Estate (<https://www.swindonmanoribc.co.uk>), where we have regular Haydon Wick Bowls Club sessions on Monday and Wednesday afternoons.

Please contact our Club Secretary, Neil Fuller on sec.hwbc@gmail.com or visit the Club Website <https://www.haydonwickbc.co.uk> if you are interested in joining or would like to know more.



Club President Gloria Edwards presents Marcus Thompson with the trophy he won in this year's competition for new bowlers.



Use our Parks & Open Spaces (POS) reporting system to report issues and request work around our Parish.
www.Haydonwick.gov.uk/contact/



Time out to make a difference...

Haydon Wick Parish Council is celebrating a successful Corporate Away Day partnership with BMW Group Plant Swindon, demonstrating the positive impact of corporate social responsibility in our community.

Partnership Launch

On 27th May 2025, BMW employee Andy Lovell spent three working days supporting community projects. Working with our Parks and Open Spaces Team, Andy tackled graffiti removal, clean-up operations, and environmental improvements.

The success prompted BMW Swindon Plant Director Roger Newman to share the impact through the company's management structure.

Expanding Impact

During 26th-28th August, BMW volunteers Steven Boucher and Timoteo Nunes supported expanded activities including graffiti removal, painting pedestrian underpasses, tree planting at the GMF, and painting the parish office.

Community Benefits

Volunteers gained deeper understanding of the parish council's role while improving our environment. They reported the experience positively impacted their mental wellbeing through working alongside community members.



Looking Forward

BMW Plant Swindon, noting that many associates live within Haydon Wick Parish, expressed enthusiasm for continuing future projects.

We thank the BMW volunteers, BMW Group Plant Swindon, and our Parks and Open Spaces team for making this partnership successful.

Making Wiltshire Safer



Stay Connected with your PCC - Now on WhatsApp!

We're excited to share a new way for you to stay informed and engaged with the work of the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) for Wiltshire and Swindon, Philip Wilkinson and his Office (OPCC).

For those who prefer not to use traditional social media platforms, the PCC's office has launched a dedicated WhatsApp Channel offering a simple, secure, and direct way to receive updates on how we're working Making Wiltshire Safer.

Through this channel, you'll get:

- Key updates from the PCC and his office
- News on policing priorities and community safety
- Information on campaigns, consultations, and events

This new channel is part of our commitment to making communication more accessible and transparent for all residents across Wiltshire and Swindon. Simply scan the QR code:



You can also find out what the team is up to by following our Facebook Page - Search for Swindon North East and Rural to find regular posts from the local policing team

www.wiltshire.police.uk | [facebook/wiltshirepolice](https://facebook.com/wiltshirepolice) | [x/wiltshirepolice](https://twitter.com/wiltshirepolice) | [LinkedIn/company/wiltshirepolice](https://www.linkedin.com/company/wiltshirepolice)

Find out more about your Community Policing Team by visiting www.wiltshire.police.uk.
In an emergency dial 999, for all non-emergencies dial 101

Haydon Wick Living Magazine

Advertising Rates

The Haydon Wick Living Magazine is assembled and produced by Haydon Wick Parish Council and is distributed three times a year to 10,000 households covering the Parish. The magazine covers reports from each of the Council's Committees, updates from local social groups and schools, and information on past and future events.



	Parish Rate	Parish Rate	Non-Parish Rate	Non-Parish Rate
	1 entry	3 entries	1 entry	3 entries
1/4 Page	£42	£114	£47	£125
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Inside Cover	£144	£388	£157	£400
Back Cover	£166	£444	£181	£487

*All rates shown are exclusive of VAT which is applicable

If you are interested in advertising in the Haydon Wick Living Magazine, please contact the Marketing & Events Co-Ordinator at: marketing@haydonwick.gov.uk or call: 01793 722446



Haydon Wick 'living' Magazine ... the small print

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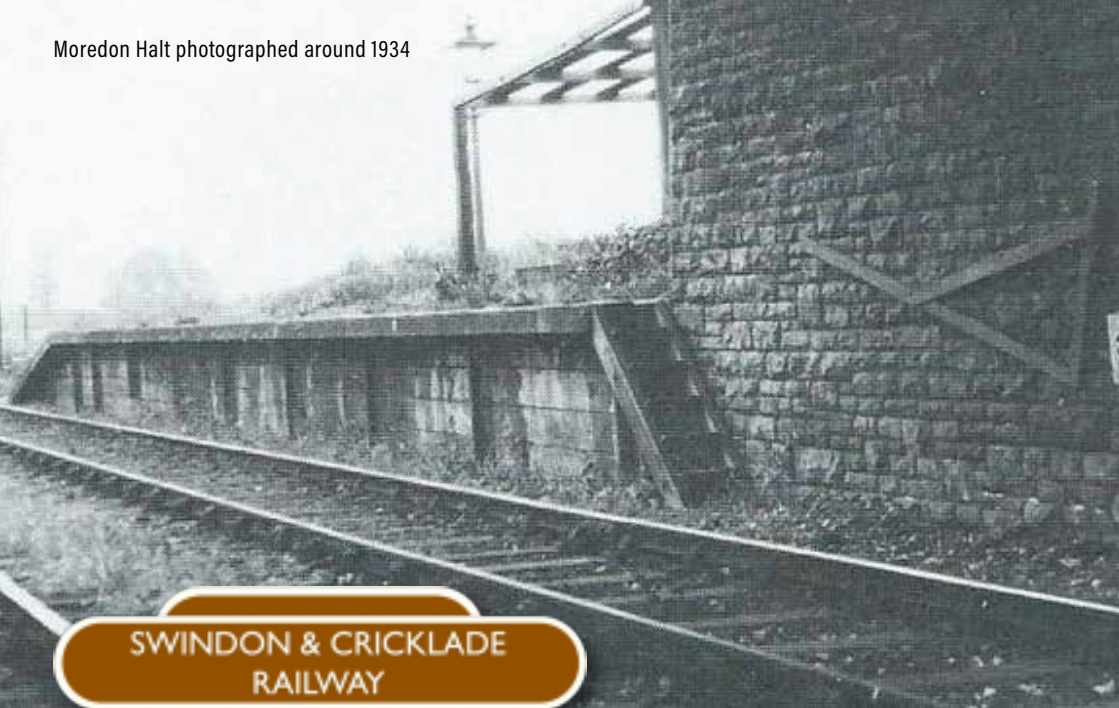
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As a public service we carry reports; at no charge; from local ward councillors, the local MP as well as local societies and groups providing activities within the Parish.

We regret this magazine is unable to publish political advertisements and contributors cannot refer to political parties, or include party logos, party addresses, emails or website.

All enquires regarding this publication should be address to the Editor on **01793 722446**, editor@haydonwick.gov.uk or Council Offices, Thames Avenue, SN25 1QQ.

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SWINDON & CRICKLADE RAILWAY

The Long Lost Railway Station of Moredon

It may sound like a fairy story, but once upon a time, Moredon was on the railway network. Station is rather a grand name for it, as it was built in 1913 expressly for the transport by train of milk in churns. It was built by the Midland and South Western Junction Railway and was situated adjacent to a long demolished road overbridge just before the road crossed the North Wilts canal and the River Ray on the way out to what is now Sparcells.

In 1923 the M&SWJR was absorbed by the Great Western Railway and the line passed into their ownership. The 1925 Ordnance Survey map (6inches to 1mile) shows Moredon Halt.

A loop line was installed after 1923 but the purpose of the loop was not clear as trains never crossed

there. In 1928 an access line was provided off the loop to serve the coal sidings of the recently constructed power station which was situated where the Pembroke Park estate now exists.

The platform was built with wooden sleepers with a gravel top surface. It was about 40 feet long and 15 feet wide. Passenger receipts are recorded up to 1935 in spite of official closure some three years earlier. Oddly enough, although passenger receipts were recorded, no passenger service was ever advertised in the public timetable. Looking at the picture above, there appears to be some kind of shelter built onto the abutment walls. With no real history, it is possible to speculate that the platform was built for the transfer of milk in churns from local farms.



The approximate station site today at the junction of Thamesdown Drive and Purton Road looking north

As far as can be established, bearing in mind the intervening development, the old bridge and the platform would have been situated in the middle of the picture with the railway travelling from left to right across the picture from just behind the lane markings sign on the left. The old track bed going north can just be discerned in the undergrowth while the southern section forms the footpath going towards the centre of town.

It difficult to imagine, as you sit in your car waiting for the traffic lights to change, that less than 100 years ago, express trains would be passing this point

carrying passengers from Manchester, Liverpool, Birmingham and Cheltenham to Southampton and vice-versa.

Source: Bartholomew D; Midland and South Western Junction Railway volume 1; Wild Swan Publications Ltd. Reproduced by permission of The Titfield Thunderbolt Bookshop, Bath, BA1 6RY Photographs: Black and white – David & Charles, Newton Abbot. Colour – Author

Now just a reminder to book up for the Santa Specials. Visit our website to book your place.

John Fuller



Come and experience our Whistle Stop Cafe, located at Blunsdon Station on the Swindon and Cricklade Railway. The cafe is housed in a beautiful Norwegian railway carriage, offering visitors the opportunity to enjoy delicious food and drinks in a truly unique setting. The cafe is normally open between 10am and 4pm on all running days (subject to volunteer availability).



WHAT'S ON?

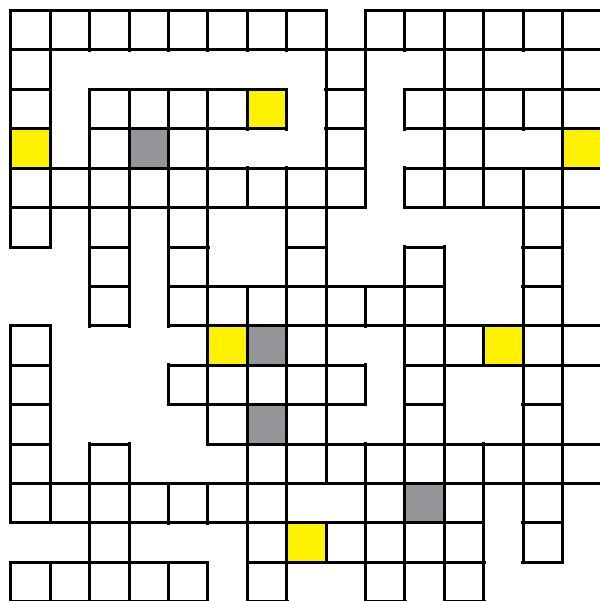
Full details of the timetable and special events for 2025 can be found on the website www.swindon-cricklade-railway.org

You can also follow the railway on **Facebook**.



CHRISTMAS WORDFIT PUZZLE

Win a £25 shopping voucher, by correctly solving this puzzle. To enter, fit all of the words into the puzzle, crossword-style, then tell us what Christmas-related word can be formed by rearranging the letters in the yellow squares.



Good Luck!

6 letters
BRANDY
CHURCH
ICICLE
INFANT
JOSEPH
LABELS

7 letters
CRACKER
STEPHEN

8 letters
CINNAMON
RUM PUNCH

9 letters
CHESTNUTS
CRANBERRY

10 letters
POINSETTIA

4 letters
BABE
CRIB
HOLY
NOEL
SACK
TOYS

5 letters
ANGEL
BELLS
CHEER
FEAST
HAPPY
HOLLY
HYMNS
MAGIC
SANTA

Post your answer into the Council letterbox in Thames Avenue or send it by email to editor@haydonwick.gov.uk before the closing date of Friday 12th December '25. Please write your name and address clearly on your entry, together with a telephone number, so that we may contact you if you win. The name of the winner will be announced in the next issue.

**The
WINNER**

Summer
Competition

Kelly Winley, Answer - **WATER**

Congratulations Kelly, we hope you enjoy spending your voucher.

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Tidy Up Team (to report litter, grounds maintenance issues etc)	tidyup@haydonwick.gov.uk
Room Hire / Gardens & Allotments	admin@haydonwick.gov.uk

Address

Council Offices, Thames Avenue, Haydon Wick SN25 1QQ

Telephone Numbers

Office	9am until 4pm	01793 722446
Tidy Up Team (out of hours)	Leave a message	07598 403789

Who Does What

When to contact the Parish Council and when to contact Swindon Borough Council

 Abandoned Shopping Trolleys	 Leisure Gardens & Allotments
 Bus Shelter Maintenance	 Community Bus
 Dead Animal Collection	 Haydon Wick Living
 Emptying Waste Bins	 Hedge Cutting
 Emptying Dog Bins	 Litter Picking
 General Tidying	 Play Area Repairs
 Graffiti Removal	 Planning Applications
 Grant Applications	 Precept Queries
 Grass Cutting	 Shrub Maintenance
 Flyposting & Fly Tipping Removal	 Tree Maintenance (-12ft)

Parish Council Office
T: 01793 722446
E: clerk@haydonwick.gov.uk

Tidy Up Out of Hours
T: 07703 840 065
E: tidyup@haydonwick.gov.uk

 Adoption	 Highways
 Adult Safeguarding	 Housing
 Benefits	 Library Locations
 Birth Registration	 Neighbourhood Wardens
 Blue Badge Parking	 Noise Nuisance
 Burials	 Parking Enforcement
 Council Tax Collections	 Planning Applications
 Death Registrations	 Recycling
 Drainage	 Rubbish Collection
 Elections & Voting	 School Places / Education
 Environmental Health	 Ward Councillors
 Flooding	 Weed Spraying
 Gully Cleaning	 Tree Maintenance (+12ft)

Swindon Borough Council
T: 01793 445500
www.swindon.gov.uk

What's On In Haydon Wick

Art -

Tuesday Art Group, Tuesday 10am - 12pm.

Haydon Wick Parish Council Offices.

David: 01793 337691.

Haydon Artists Society, Thurs 6.45pm - 9pm.

Manor Indoor Bowls Club.

Barbara Moody: 01793 722410

www.haydonartists.co.uk

Bowls - Haydon Bowls Club - Various days / times. Behind the GLL Leisure Centre.

Neil Fuller: 07747162635

www.haydonwickbc.co.uk

Brownies -

1st Greenmeadow (7 - 10 years) - Thursdays,

5.45pm - 7.15pm, Emmanuel Church.

www.girlguiding.org.uk

Julie 01793 723862

St Johns Church, Wednesday 6pm - 7.30pm

Penny Jordan - jordan.denning@virgin.net

1st Oakhurst (7 - 10 years), Thursdays 7pm

- 8pm. Oakhurst Community Primary School.

Wendy Braidford,

oakhurst1brownies@gmail.com

Busy Fingers -

Play Group (18months - 5years)

Mon, Wed, Thurs & Fri 9.30am - 11.30am,

Baby Play Group 0 - 18months

Tues 9.30am - 11am,

GLL Haydon Leisure Centre.

Debbie Musa-Eggie 01793 496900

Choir - Good Afternoon Choir singing group,

Thursday 1pm - 3pm

St John's Church, Haydon Wick.

Jody, jody@grenvillemusic.co.uk

CLUB 60 - Games group for over 60's, Tuesday

3pm - 5pm. GLL Haydon Leisure Centre.

Lesley Taylor, ljptaylor@hotmail.co.uk,

07825005884

Craft Clubs -

Crafting Group, Weds 1pm - 3pm

St John's Church, Haydon Wick.

Sharon, parishoffice@stjohnshaydonwick.org.uk

Monthly Craft Group, (2nd Tuesday), Tuesday

10am - 12pm. Emmanuel Church, 01793 723862

Dance - Swindon Academy of Dance, Saturday

9am - 11.45am, GLL Haydon Leisure Centre.

S. Watson 01793 724547

Guides - 1st Greenmeadow and 1st Haydon Wick

Rangers, Tuesday 7pm - 9pm, Emmanuel Church.

Jacqui, jayceebubbles@aol.com 01793 723862

The Jolly Dollies - Helping widows regain a social life through friendship and organised social events. Email: contact@thejollydollies.com

Web: www.thejollydollies.com

Karate - Mixed ages and abilities, Thursday from 6.15pm, Abbey Meads Community School.

Kayleigh Whitcher, grading@sska.co.uk

07903021340

Knitting Club - 1st and 3rd Monday of each

month, Monday 7pm - 9pm, St John's Church,

Haydon Wick. Tracey Major, majortracey@gmail.com

Library - Children's Story Time (Under 5's / term time only) - book in advance. Wednesday

10.30am - 11.00am, North Swindon, Orbital.

www.swindon.gov.uk/libraries 01793 707120

Lunch Club - Senior residents lunch club

- waiting list applicable. Thursday 12pm,

Emmanuel Church.

Sue Martin, k.martin61@btinternet.com

01793 721552

KUMON - Tuesday 3.30pm - 5.45pm,

GLL Haydon Leisure Centre.

www.kumon.co.uk/haydon-wick 01285 643701

Martial Arts -

Matt Fiddes, Tuesday 4.30pm - 7.45pm

Friday 4.30pm - 7.45pm

GLL Haydon Leisure Centre. www.mattfiddes.com

HEMA Sword Fighting, Wednesday 7pm - 9pm,

GLL Haydon Leisure Centre. Stuart Smart

info@smarthemacclubs.co.uk

BFSMA, Monday 4.15pm onwards,

Oakhurst Community Primary School.

Brad Fitzgerald, bfsma@icloud.com

Over 60's Club - Alternate Mondays, Monday

1.30pm - 4pm, Haydon Wick Club. Shirley Bleay

01793 725867

Pilates - Swindon Pilates - mixed ability / any

age welcome. Monday 6.45pm - 7.45pm, Abbey

Meads Community School. Kiz Thornley-Davis,

www.swindonpilates.com 07859068160

Pre-School -

Haydon Meadow Pre-School, GLL Haydon

Leisure Centre. office@haydonmeadow@gmail.com

07790497329

Barn Owl Pre-School, Haydon Wick Primary

School. office.barnowl@gmail.com 07790497329

Rainbows -

1st Greenmeadow (4 - 7 years), Tuesday 5.15

- 6.30pm, Emmanuel Church.

Lucy, lucygough1@btinternet.com 01793 723862

1st Oakhurst (4 - 7 years), Thursday 6.15 - 7pm,

Oakhurst Community Primary School.

Amanda Warren ajwarren2@icloud.com

Road Running - Swindon Harriers Group, Friday 6pm. Meet GLL Haydon Leisure Centre carpark. Val Gibbons, valerie.gibbons@ntlworld.com 01793 536429

Slinn Allstars Running Club, Tuesday 6.30 - 9pm, St John's Church, Haydon Wick. Denise, running@slinnallstars.co.uk

Rugby Tots - (18 months - 5 years) Saturday, various sessions / times, Abbey Meads Community School. www.rugbytots.co.uk, 07718995663

1st Swindon Sea Scouts -

Beavers (6 - 8 yrs.) Wednesday.
Cub Pack (8 - 10.5 yrs.) Tuesday / Thursday.
Scouts (10.5 - 14 yrs.) Friday.
The Wick at the Brow. Jackie Stephens
jackiestevens@1stswindonscouts.on-microsoft.com

Slimming World - Morning and evening session, Thursday 1pm - 3pm, St John's Church, Haydon Wick, Sharon Painter, sharentin@aol.com

Tae Kwon Do -

Monday 6.45pm - 9.15pm, GLL Haydon Leisure Centre. Ian Fendt, 0773848405
Thursday 6.45pm - 9.30pm, GLL Haydon Leisure Centre. Zoe Fendt, 01452 610446

Transport - Community Bus, Haydon Wick Parish Council Offices. 01793 722446

Walking - Step Out Swindon Wellbeing Walks. Every Thursday 10am - 1 hour walk/10.30am Short Mobility walk, From the Haydon Leisure Centre Grahame Lee, 07932 109209

Walking Netball - Wednesday, 3pm - 4pm GLL Haydon Leisure Centre. Danielle Batemann
www.swindonnetball.co.uk 07794343767

Young at Heart - Friday, 1.30pm - 4pm, Haydon Wick Club. Mike Whelan, 01793 706145

Zumba - Mixed ability class, Wednesday, 7.30pm - 8.30pm, Abbey Meads Community School, Lucy, 07877135898

U3A - Short Mat Bowls, Monday, 9.30am - 11.00am, GLL Haydon Leisure Centre, Terry Rogers, 01793 813172

U3A - Wednesday, 10am - 2.45pm, GLL Haydon Leisure Centre. Elsie Johnson, 01793 950108

U3A - Badminton, Friday, 12.30pm - 2pm, GLL Haydon Leisure Centre. Sue, 07394369291



Haydon Centre 01793 721526
www.better.org.uk

OPENING TIMES:

Mon to Fri: 0700 - 2200

Sat: 0700 - 1400

Sun: 0700 - 1400

Various Classes
Available Please Contact
Us for Details




THE UNDERGROUND
YOUTH CLUB @ ORBITAL
SCHOOL YEARS 7-10



MONDAY AND TUESDAY
330-530PM

DROP IN YOUTH CAFE - NEXT TO THE LIBRARY

Updates - Please email
editor@haydonwick.gov.uk.
if any of the above change or
there is a change in contact
details.

Why not list your events?

Important numbers

(correct May 2024)

CHEMISTS (Late Opening)

Boots

Orbital Shopping Centre (7pm).....**728569**

ASDA

Orbital Shopping Centre (8pm)**707801**

Morrisons

Thames Ave, (7pm).....**705322**

Homeground

Thames Ave, (Mon-Sat 5am-8pm,
Sun 8am-6pm).....**727866**

Taw Hill Co-op (not Sat/Sun)

Taw Hill Village Centre (6.30pm)..... **726736**

CHURCHES

Abundante Vida Brazillian Church.....
.....**07875528914**

Anglican - St. Johns, Westfield Way

Rev Patches Chabala.....**726000**

North Swindon Baptist Church

Pastor: Fraser Kay.....**737106**

Methodist - St. Andrews, Moredon

Minister: Rev Rach Collins.....**529263**

Emmanuel

Minister: Gerald England..... **723862**

COUNCIL SERVICES

Trading Standards.....**466155**

Consumer advice.....**03454 040506**

Jobcentre Plus..... **0845 604 3719**

Stagecoach Buses..... **521415**

Swindon Borough Council.....**445500**

Swindon's Bus Company..... **428428**

CULTURAL

Swindon Arts Centre.....**614837**

Central Library.....**463238**

North Swindon Library..... **707120**

Wyvern Theatre.....**524481**

DENTIST

Abbey Meads **726288**

Priory Vale.....**745291**

Sevenfields**722194**

DOCTORS

Abbey Meads **706030**

North Swindon (Homeground)**705783**

Taw Hill **709500**

EDUCATION - PRIMARY

Abbey Meads.....**723239**

Bridlewood..... **706830**

Brimble Hill **493900**

Catherine Wayte.....**727405**

Greenmeadow**521141**

Haydonleigh.....**700443**

Haydon Wick**706606**

Oakhurst Community**734754**

Orchid Vale..... **745006**

Red Oaks **493920**

Seven Fields.....**723833**

St Francis.....**727624**

Swindon Academy**426900**

Tadpole Farm**729740**

William Morris School**299022**

EDUCATION - SECONDARY

Abbey Park **705400**

Bradon Forest.....**770570**

Churchward**209198**

Commonweal**612727**

Dorcan **525231**

GWA..... **209700**

Highworth Warneferd**762426**

Lawn Manor**487286**

Lydiard Park Academy.....**874224**

Nova Hreod **528800**

St Josephs **714200**

Swindon Academy**426900**

The Deanery **236611**

Ridgeway.....**846100**

Uplands..... **493910**

UTC.....**207920**

HIGHER EDUCATION

New College..... **611470**

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Emergencies.....**999**

Swindon & Dorchester Fire.....**01722 691000**

Westlea Fire**01722 691057**

Swindon Police..... **101**

MEDICAL HELPLINES

NHS111.....**111**

CLIC Sargent.....**0300 330 0803**

Great Western Hospital.....**604020**

MacMillan Nurses..... **0808 808 0000**

Marie Curie Nurses.....**0800 716146**

MS Society.....**0808 800 8000**

Parkinsons Society**0808 800 0303**

Prospect Foundation.....**813355**

MISC HELPLINES

Alcoholics Anonymous..... **0800 9177650**

Alcohol Advisory Centre **328150**

Child Protection..... **466903**

The National Bullying

Helpline**0845 22 55 787**

Swindon Parenting Hub (formerly Butterflies)
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.....**722984**

Childline	0800 111
Citizens Advice Bureau.....	0808 278 7813
IPSUM Mental Health.....	695405
Cruse Bereavement	619933
Domestic Abuse Hotline	0808 2000 427
Mental Health Crisis Team.....	836820
Narcotics Anonymous	0300 999 1212
NSPCC.....	0808 800 5000
RSPCA	0300 1234 999
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Traveline.....	0871 200 2233

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Abbey Meads Tesco	0345 611 2970
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TRAINS

Great Western Railway	08457 000 125
National Train Enquiries.....	0800 022 3720

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British Telecom (Faults).....	0800 800151
Electricity Emergency	105
Gas Emergency.....	0800 111 999
Streelights	445501
Thames Water.....	0800 316 9800
Thames Water Leaks	0800 714 614

VETERINARY SURGERIES

Drove, Ridgeway Farm	614461
Drove, Abbey Meads.....	728728
Thameswood, Purton Road.....	526780

BOROUGH COUNCILLORS

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Ray Ballman	694584
Rob Heath.....	07712 005505
Ian Edwards.....	edwards@swindon.gov.uk
Stanka Adamova	07809 692046
Rahjai Ali.....	07568 396037

Local numbers

CINEMAS

Cineworld W.Swindon	0871 200 2000
VUE.....	0345 308 4620

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Link Magazine	644540
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Haydon Meadow	07790 497329
Little Pippins.....	07879 623507
Little Scholars,	07971 510820

RADIO (LOCAL)

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Swindon Community Radio (105.5) 611555	
Kelly Morgan BBC Radio Wiltshire	
07783 772102 kelly.morgan@bbc.co.uk	

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The Manor.....	705222
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Bhaji's, Thames Avenue	533799
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Dominos.....	701888
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STFC	0330 002 1879

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