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Letter from the Editor

Welcome to Summer in Haydon Wick

This edition takes a look back at a season full of activity, connection and community spirit. From creative events and wellbeing initiatives to opportunities for learning, volunteering and socialising, it's been a busy and rewarding few months across the parish, with something for everyone to enjoy.

Check out our articles on the ever-popular Memory Café and its programme of creativity and companionship, as well as our recent support for Prospect Hospice, helping ensure valuable resources continue to benefit those who need them most. You can also read about the vital work of our Parks & Open Spaces Committee, caring for and enhancing the green spaces, play areas and leisure facilities that make Haydon Wick such a special place to live.

You'll find updates on our Community Led Action Plan, now shaping priorities for 2026–29 following extensive resident engagement, alongside details on how you can still make your mark through Community Choices by sharing ideas for future community projects.

Don't miss our exciting summer events programme, including the much-anticipated Wildwick Summer Extravaganza on 8th August—just one of many opportunities to come together and celebrate. Be sure to also explore the section introducing your newly elected councillors and learn more about their roles within the community.

With contributions from local groups throughout, we hope this edition gives you a true flavour of life in Haydon Wick—enjoy, and get involved!

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



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Chairman's Update



As I write this, the sun is shining across Haydon Wick. Families are enjoying our play areas, residents are walking through our parks and open spaces, and many are making the most of the facilities available right on their doorstep. It is a reminder of what makes our parish such a special place to live.

The start of a new municipal year provides an opportunity to reflect on the progress we have made and look ahead to the opportunities before us. Following the recent elections, Haydon Wick Parish Council has a strong team of councillors with a mix of experience, local knowledge and fresh ideas. Together, we remain committed to delivering for residents and continuing to improve our community.

I would also like to thank those councillors who chose not to stand for re-election. Public service often happens behind the scenes and requires a great deal of commitment. Their contribution to Haydon Wick over many years has helped shape the parish we enjoy today, and they leave with our sincere thanks.

Over the past year we have continued to invest in the facilities that residents use every day. Several play areas have benefited from refurbishment and improvement works, helping to provide safe, enjoyable spaces for children

and families. We have also opened our new outdoor gym, providing free access to exercise equipment for residents of all ages, alongside our new dog exercise area, which offers a secure space for dogs to run and play freely. Both facilities have been extremely well received and are already proving popular.

Strong communities are built around people as much as places. Haydon Wick Haven, the Memory Café and the Companions Café continue to go from strength to strength. These services help tackle isolation, support wellbeing and create opportunities for residents to connect with others. During the coming year we will work more closely with Swindon Borough Council and local partners to build on this success, focusing on early intervention, community support and helping residents access the right services at the right time.

I am excited about what the year ahead will bring. With dedicated councillors, hardworking staff, fantastic volunteers and a community that cares deeply about where it lives, Haydon Wick is well placed to continue thriving. Thank you for your continued support, and I look forward to working with you throughout the year ahead.

Cllr Vinay Manro
Chairman



Community Development Report

Our community has been incredibly active over recent months, with a wide range of events bringing residents together to connect, create and enjoy shared experiences. Through seasonal celebrations, wellbeing initiatives and creative programming, the Parish Council continues to build a strong, vibrant and supportive community.

Easter Celebrations and Family Activities

The Easter holidays began the season on a high with a vibrant and varied programme of family-friendly activities. Our Annual Easter Egg Hunts at King George V and Queen Elizabeth Drive welcomed over 120 children, filling the parks with energy, laughter and plenty of chocolate rewards. The ever-popular Easter Bunny was on hand for photos—and even joined in the fun on the play equipment. At Thyme Close Play Area, families enjoyed a fantastic afternoon at the Family Picnic and Bear Hunt, where storytelling, nature walks, craft activities and team games created truly magical memories.

Creativity continued with our Easter Colouring Competition, where a fantastic range of entries showcased imagination and flair. Annabel's eye-catching cotton wool bunny design deservedly took first place, announced on World Art Day—a wonderful celebration of art, expression and community spirit.

In addition, our Easter Wreath Making session proved highly popular, with all 16 available spaces

fully booked. Residents came together for a welcoming evening of seasonal wreath making, conversation, creativity and charcuterie, further strengthening community connections.

Volunteer Thank Yous

Community spirit has also been evident in our appreciation events. Our Volunteer Thank You Brunch in March introduced a refreshed format to replace the traditional cream tea, designed to better reflect and engage the diversity of our volunteer community. The event was well attended, with 26 volunteers joining us and providing very positive feedback. Attendees enjoyed a variety of breakfast refreshments including breakfast rolls, fresh fruit and pastries in a relaxed and sociable setting. To mark National Volunteers Week in May we invited our volunteers to join us for a cake and a cuppa. Sharing our thanks for their continued support.

Mental Health Awareness Week

Moving into May, Mental Health Awareness Week provided valuable opportunities for residents to focus on wellbeing, connection and support. A varied programme ensured there was something for everyone. Highlights included a fascinating morning at the Swindon & Cricklade Railway, where attendees explored local heritage while reflecting on how volunteering can positively support mental wellbeing. Physical wellbeing took centre stage at the White





Eagle Outdoor Gym, where a fun and energetic session helped build confidence, strength and camaraderie. The week concluded with a lively SK8Jam at Haydon Wick Skate Park, where skating challenges, creative activities and the colourful Pipes of Positivity brought energy and smiles despite the weather.

Activity at the Haydon Wick Haven

Alongside our wider programme, the Haven has been buzzing with activity, offering engaging and enriching sessions for residents. Easter bonnet making kicked things off with colour, creativity and friendly competition. A return visit from Historic England sparked fascinating discussion, introducing a pioneering female photographer whose work captured Swindon's past with striking detail.

A musical bell ringing session provided a calm and uplifting experience, taking participants on a gentle journey through sound and storytelling. We also welcomed LiveWell, who shared valuable information about local health and wellbeing services, helping residents feel informed, supported and connected.

Community Transport

Our Community Bus Trips continue to provide valuable opportunities for residents to stay connected and active. Recent trips have included Lechlade Garden Centre, Marlborough Town and Lacock Garden Centre.

May Half-Term Highlights

The May half term continued this positive momentum with further opportunities for community engagement.

A sunny picnic at White Eagle Play Area brought residents together for creative activities, games and conversations. Volunteers from Swindon's City of Culture 2029 bid attended to offer resident the opportunity to share their ideas for the bid. A hugely popular Lego Day, delivered by Abe's Brick Corner, encouraged teamwork, creativity and imaginative play for all ages. Meanwhile, Craft & Connect sessions made the most of the warmer weather, moving outdoors for relaxed and mindful sketching in the Parish Council's Sensory Garden.

Looking Ahead

Opportunities to connect, be active and express creativity are making a genuine difference to our residents' wellbeing. We encourage everyone to explore the upcoming summer programme and event posters overleaf, as we look forward to welcoming you to our future events.

Cllr Sudha Nukana

Chair of the Community Development Committee



Event	Date	Time	Location
Community Bus Trip	Wednesday 1st July 26	9.30am - 3.30pm	Burnham-On-Sea
Limited Mobility Exercise	Monday 6th July 26	11.30am - 12.00pm	Haydon Wick Parish Council
Yoga with Ann Fletcher	Monday 6th July 26	7.00pm - 8.00pm	Haydon Wick Parish Council
Memory Café	Wednesday 8th July 26	10.30am - 12.30pm	Haydon Wick Bowls Club
Haydon Wick Craft & Connect	Thursday 9th July 26	6.30pm - 8.30pm	Haydon Wick Parish Council
Haydon Wick Haven	Monday 13th July 26	11.00am - 1.00pm	Haydon Wick Parish Council
Yoga with Ann Fletcher	Monday 13th July 26	7.00pm - 8.00pm	Haydon Wick Parish Council
Limited Mobility Exercise	Monday 20th July 26	11.30am - 12.00pm	Haydon Wick Parish Council
Yoga with Ann Fletcher	Monday 20th July 26	7.00pm - 8.00pm	Haydon Wick Parish Council
Memory Café	Wednesday 22nd July 26	10.30am - 12.30pm	Haydon Wick Bowls Club
Companions Café	Thursday 23rd July 26	10.00am - 12.00pm	Bowls Club / Parish Council
Haydon Wick Dog Show	Sunday 26th July 26	10.00am - 12.00pm	Goodearl Dog Park
Haydon Wick Haven	Monday 27th July 26	11.00am - 1.00pm	Haydon Wick Parish Council
Yoga with Ann Fletcher	Monday 27th July 26	7.00pm - 8.00pm	Haydon Wick Parish Council
GMF Grand Opening Event	Tuesday 28th July 26	2.30pm - 7.00pm	Grounds Maintenance Facility
Limited Mobility Exercise	Monday 3rd August 26	11.30am - 12.00pm	Haydon Wick Parish Council
Yoga with Ann Fletcher	Monday 3rd August 26	7.00pm - 8.00pm	Haydon Wick Parish Council
Parks & Play Areas Roadshow	Wednesday 5th August 26	11.00am - 1.00pm	Luna Play Area
Sk8Jam	Thursday 6th August 26	11.00am - 1.00pm	Haydon Wick Skate Park
Wildwick Summer Extravaganza	Saturday 8th August	2.00pm - 7.00pm	Trent Road Playing Field
Haydon Wick Haven	Monday 10th August 26	11.00am - 1.00pm	Haydon Wick Parish Council
Yoga with Ann Fletcher	Monday 10th August 26	7.00pm - 8.00pm	Haydon Wick Parish Council
Memory Café	Wednesday 12th August 26	10.30am - 12.30pm	Haydon Wick Bowls Club
Parks & Play Areas Roadshow	Wednesday 12th August 26	11.00pm - 1.00pm	Trent Road Playing Field TBC
Weymouth Coach Trip	Wednesday 12th August 26	8.00am - 8.00pm	Weymouth
Limited Mobility Exercise	Monday 17th August 26	11.30am - 12.00pm	Haydon Wick Parish Council
Yoga with Ann Fletcher	Monday 10th August 26	7.00pm - 8.00pm	Haydon Wick Parish Council
Parks & Play Areas Roadshow	Wednesday 19th August 26	TBC	Mouldon Hill Country Park
Haydon Wick Haven	Monday 24th August 26	11.00am - 1.00pm	Haydon Wick Parish Council
Yoga with Ann Fletcher	Monday 24th August 26	7.00pm - 8.00pm	Haydon Wick Parish Council
Memory Café	Wednesday 26th August 26	10.30am - 12.30pm	Haydon Wick Bowls Club
Parks & Play Areas Roadshow	Wednesday 26th August 26	TBC	Heaton Close Play Area
Community Bus Trip	Wednesday 2nd Sept 26	9.30am - 3.30pm	Thatcham Garden Centre
Haydon Wick Haven	Monday 7th September 26	11.00am - 1.00pm	Haydon Wick Parish Council
Yoga with Ann Fletcher	Monday 7th September 26	7.00pm - 8.00pm	Haydon Wick Parish Council
Memory Café	Wednesday 9th September 26	10.30am - 12.30pm	Haydon Wick Bowls Club
Limited Mobility Exercise	Monday 14th September 26	11.30am - 12.00pm	Haydon Wick Parish Council
Yoga with Ann Fletcher	Monday 14th September 26	7.00pm - 8.00pm	Haydon Wick Parish Council
Haydon Wick Haven	Monday 21st September 26	11.00am - 1.00pm	Haydon Wick Parish Council
Yoga with Ann Fletcher	Monday 21st September 26	7.00pm - 8.00pm	Haydon Wick Parish Council
Memory Café	Wednesday 23rd Sept 26	10.30am - 12.30pm	Haydon Wick Bowls Club
Companions Café	Thursday 24th September 26	10.00am - 12.00pm	Bowls Club / Parish Council



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Day	Activity	Time
Monday (afternoon)	Haydon Wick Haven	10am
Tuesday (afternoon)	Haydon Wick Club - Over 60s Circle	10am
Tuesday	Shopping	10am
Wednesday (10am & 12pm)	Worship (10am)	10am
Wednesday (12pm)	Worship (12pm)	12pm
Thursday	Shopping	10am
Thursday	Worship (10am)	10am
Friday	Haydon Wick Club - Over 60s Circle	10am

If you find it difficult to get to the supermarket, why not book a seat on one of our regular shopping trips?

Take a look at our timetable for activities and monthly outings, giving you the choice to get out, socialise and enjoy your community.

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Parks & Open Spaces Report

Parks & Open Spaces: Delivering Quality Green Spaces for Our Community

Haydon Wick Parish Council's Parks & Open Spaces Committee continues to play a vital role in overseeing the management, maintenance and enhancement of the Parish's extensive portfolio of green spaces, play areas, leisure gardens and environmental assets.

As one of the Council's largest service areas, Parks & Open Spaces is responsible for balancing day-to-day operational delivery with long-term strategic investment, ensuring that residents can enjoy safe, attractive and accessible open spaces while protecting and enhancing the local environment.

Supporting Biodiversity and Environmental Stewardship

Environmental sustainability and biodiversity remain key priorities for the Committee.

This year has seen continued support for ecological initiatives across the Parish, including collaboration with Wiltshire Wildlife Trust and specialist ecologists undertaking bat monitoring work along the River Ray corridor. Members have also supported measures to protect local wildlife habitats, including awareness campaigns relating to Ermine Moth activity and the temporary suspension of maintenance works in sensitive ecological areas. The Parish Council, with Wiltshire Wildlife Trust, has also held information sessions at local ponds regarding Great Crested Newts.

The Committee continues to recognise the importance of balancing grounds maintenance requirements with the protection and enhancement of biodiversity, ensuring that Haydon Wick's open spaces contribute positively to local wildlife and environmental resilience.



Maintaining High Standards Across Parish Assets

Seasonal growth, of hedges, low level shrubs and grass continue to present operational challenges. However, the Council's team is committed to operate on regular schedules to maintain a tidy parish.

The Council is improving its ability to monitor, prioritise and respond to issues via the successful implementation of the Parks & Open Spaces Reporting system, which helping to improve efficiency and support frontline service delivery, ensuring that reported issues are addressed as effectively as possible.



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Working in Partnership with the Community

Community engagement remains central to the delivery of Parks & Open Spaces services.

The Council has also strengthened engagement with local environmental and community groups, including Seven Fields Conservation Group, recognising the importance of collaborative working in achieving shared objectives for the Parish's green spaces.

Events held throughout the year, including environmental awareness activities, community gardening initiatives and volunteer-led projects, continue to encourage resident participation and community pride.

Initiatives such as the Bus Shelter Art Project seek to encourage community ownership of local assets while providing opportunities for younger residents to contribute positively to their local environment.

Looking Forward

The Committee remains committed to delivering the priorities identified within the Community Led Action Plan (CLAP), ensuring that the Council's green spaces continue to meet the needs of residents both now and in the future.

Through effective asset management, environmental stewardship, community engagement and strategic investment, the Council will continue to enhance the Parish's parks and open spaces, supporting healthier communities, stronger neighbourhoods and a greener future for all.

CLLr Leigh Jackson

Chair of the Parks and Open Spaces Committee



Haydon Wick Parish 'Blooming' beautiful

The Parish Council is pleased to share a new collaboration. This season, our troughs, pots and hanging baskets have been refreshed with help from local business, Mo's Plants, based in Ferndale. They grew the bedding plants from seed, planted them and supplied the compost — a fully homegrown package. Supporting local helps keep our community blooming, and we look forward to working together again.



Leisure Garden Update

Our three Leisure Garden sites are flourishing, with plots bursting into life as tenants prepare for the annual competition on 23rd June. It's wonderful to see such a rich variety of crops being grown across our sites, and we look forward to sharing this year's winners in the next issue.

We also enjoyed our first social gathering of the year at the Ventnor Close site. It was a perfect summer evening spent chatting, exchanging gardening tips, and listening to birdsong as the sun set — a lovely reminder of the strong sense of community within our gardens.

Noticeboards: You may have noticed the new noticeboards at each site. They will display useful updates such as inspection and competition dates, contact details, upcoming events, and minutes from leisure garden representatives' meetings.

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Supporting Nature and Biodiversity

Our commitment to wellbeing also extends to the natural environment.

A recent **Great Crested Newt walk**, delivered in partnership with Wiltshire Wildlife Trust, highlighted the importance of local conservation efforts. Residents learned about the network of ponds and green corridors supporting these protected species, along with innovative features such as Newt Grieve Slabs.

Ongoing monitoring, including overnight bottle trapping, continues to track population health, with encouraging results recorded locally. The session demonstrated how environmental stewardship and community involvement go hand in hand.



Charity of the Year 2026/27

The Parish Council is pleased to announce CALM (Campaign Against Living Miserably) as its Charity of the Year for 2026/27, continuing its commitment to supporting mental health and wellbeing across the community. Following a successful year working with The Kelly Foundation—raising £3,900 and supporting local residents through face-to-face services—the Parish Council has chosen to broaden its focus to include suicide prevention and awareness.

CALM is a leading UK charity offering free, confidential support via helpline, webchat and WhatsApp, providing a vital lifeline for those experiencing crisis or struggling in silence. By partnering with CALM, the Parish Council aims to ensure residents have access to immediate, private support alongside ongoing local services. Throughout the year, the Parish Council will raise awareness of CALM's services through events, campaigns and community initiatives, helping to reduce stigma and encourage open conversations about mental health.

Tracey Boxall, Swindon Liaison of the CALM Charity comments: "The charity is amazing, giving me hope in my darkest moments after losing my Son to suicide. I feel that I am bringing the people of Swindon together, and we are allowing conversations to flow and use the word suicide."



The Parish Council looks forward to working with residents and partners to promote mental health wellbeing and a compassionate and connected community.



Memory & Companions Cafés Report



Friendship, Support and Community



The Memory Café has enjoyed a wonderful few months filled with creativity, entertainment, learning, and laughter. Attendees celebrated Easter with a colourful Easter Bonnet Competition, while fascinating talks from The Swindon Society and local resident Sharon Tyler sparked fond memories of Swindon's past and encouraged lively conversation.

Music and movement continued to play an important role, with Tony M providing popular entertainment and Lin leading gentle seated exercise sessions. Guests also welcomed Dee, Admiral Nurse at Great Western Hospital, who shared valuable information about dementia support services, while Charlotte from Wiltshire Farm Foods treated everyone to food samples, quizzes, and plenty of fun. Most recently, Nikki's energetic drumming workshop brought people together through rhythm, singing, and movement, creating a joyful and engaging experience for all.

Alongside the Memory Café, the Companions Café continues to provide an essential support network for those caring for loved ones living with dementia. Attendance has continued to grow, with companions valuing the opportunity to share experiences, access information, and connect with others who understand their journey. The café recently welcomed the Director of Adult Social Care for an open discussion about dementia services, while support from Admiral Nurses and Right at Home continues to make a significant difference.

Community spirit has been at the heart of several special events. Fish & Chip Friday made a popular return, bringing residents together for great food, entertainment, and friendship. We were also proud to recognise long-serving volunteer Patsy with a Long Service Award, celebrating her outstanding dedication since the Memory Café began in 2021.

The café has continued to benefit from generous donations from local residents and supporters,



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including a touching contribution made in memory of the late Marlene Ratcliffe, a much-valued attendee and supporter whose kindness to the Memory Café will always be remembered.

Another highlight was the successful Time for a Cuppa fundraiser in aid of Dementia UK. Volunteers, councillors, and local residents came together over tea, cake, games, and a raffle, raising £230 for the charity.

As both cafés continue to grow, they remain a vital source of friendship, support, information, and enjoyment for local residents and their families. A heartfelt thank you goes to our volunteers, guest speakers, and attendees who make these projects such a success.



Haydon Wick Hero Awards Winner:

Long Service Award
Patsy – for five years of dedicated service, bringing warmth, energy and light to the Memory Café and Parish events.





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HAYDON WICK PARISH COUNCIL DEVELOPING YOUR COMMUNITY





30 Years at the Heart of Our Community

This year marks a very special milestone for **Haydonleigh Primary School** as we celebrate **30 wonderful years** of learning, laughter, friendship and community.

Since officially opening our doors on **19th March 1996**, Haydonleigh has welcomed thousands of children and families through its doors, watching generations of young people grow in confidence, curiosity and character. Many of our current pupils now walk through the same doors their parents once did, which feels incredibly special and reminds us just how deeply rooted our school is within the Haydon Wick community. The school's story actually began even earlier, in 1994, as North Swindon started to grow and a new primary school was built for the expanding community.

As part of our preparations for our 30th birthday, we have been looking back through our school archives and were delighted to rediscover video footage from **June 1997**, capturing Haydonleigh in its very early days. Seeing the familiar smiles, classrooms and playground brought back wonderful memories and reminded us just how many lives have been shaped within our school over the last three decades. Watching those early moments of school life has been a powerful reminder that, whilst much has changed, the sense of belonging and community that sits at the heart of Haydonleigh has always been there.

At Haydonleigh, much has changed over three decades. Classrooms have evolved, technology has transformed learning, our grounds have grown and our community has expanded. Yet what has remained constant is our

commitment to helping children flourish through our values of **resilience, kindness and togetherness**.

Our school has always had its own unique story too. Many families will know about our much-loved **Black Cat**, who first appeared during the construction of the school, regularly accompanying the first headteacher on site visits before becoming part of our school identity and logo—a little piece of Haydonleigh history that continues to be shared with every new generation of children.

To mark this very special birthday, we are looking forward to celebrating in true Haydonleigh style with a **"Toy Story" themed birthday party** later this term. There will be plenty of fun, laughter, dressing up and, of course, opportunities for children to make even more special memories with their friends.

Our pupils are already counting down. One child told us, **"I can't wait because Toy Story is all about friends sticking together, and that feels like our school."**

Another said, **"I like knowing our school is 30 because it means lots of children have been here before us."**

As we celebrate this milestone, we would also love to hear from former pupils, staff, governors, volunteers and families who have been part of Haydonleigh's journey over the last 30 years. If you have memories, photographs or stories to share, we would be delighted to hear from you.

Thirty years on, we remain incredibly proud to be part of Haydon Wick and excited for everything still to come.

Here's to the next 30 years of growing, learning and belonging together.



Haydon Wick A Caring Community...

In May, the Parish Council donated its Mobii interactive activity table to Prospect Hospice on Moormead Road in Wroughton, ensuring the equipment is put to good use supporting patients with life-limiting illnesses.

Originally purchased to support the Haydon Wick Memory Café, the Mobii table has seen limited use in recent years despite efforts to promote it. With similar technology now widely available, demand for the Council's unit remained low.

By donating the table, the Council aims to ensure it continues to provide meaningful benefit, supporting patient engagement, cognitive stimulation, and therapeutic activities, while enhancing the overall quality of care.

The handover coincides with Dementia Action Week, highlighting the importance of tools that promote communication, stimulation, and wellbeing for those living with dementia and other conditions.

The donation builds on the Council's ongoing support for Prospect Hospice, including a £2,000 grant awarded in June 2024 to help fund the Hospice at Home service. This funding provided overnight respite visits for carers and daytime support for patients wishing to remain at home.

The donation reflects the Council's commitment to community wellbeing and ensures the equipment benefits local people when it matters most. Prospect Hospice expressed its gratitude, noting that the Mobii table will create valuable opportunities for engagement and social interaction, helping to enhance the experience of patients and their families.

Together, the donation and continued funding highlight the strong partnership between the Council and Prospect Hospice in supporting local people and their families.



Supporting our Community Parish Council Grants Make a Difference

Community groups and organisations can apply for council grant funding (subject to eligibility), with the next application deadline on 30 September.

Visit: <https://haydonwick.gov.uk/community-grants-scheme/> for more details.



Community Choices 2026/27

Helping Shape the Future of Haydon Wick

At Haydon Wick Parish Council, we believe that the best ideas for our community come from the people who live, work and spend their time here. That's why we're launching our Community Choices 2026/27 consultation, giving residents the opportunity to help shape future projects and priorities across the Parish.

Community Choices is designed to ensure that local investment reflects the aspirations and needs of our residents. Rather than deciding priorities on behalf of the community, we want to hear directly from you about the issues, opportunities and improvements that matter most.

Stage One - Identifying What Matters Most

The first stage of the consultation invites residents to review a range of themes that could help shape future Council projects and initiatives. Following engagement with residents and community stakeholders, six key themes will be identified as the areas of greatest importance to our community.

Residents will be able to access the consultation through the Council's website, social media channels and QR code posters located throughout the Parish, ensuring everyone can participate and share their views.

Stage Two - Developing Community-Led Ideas

Once the six priority themes have been identified, the Council will review all feedback received and begin developing potential projects, initiatives and investment opportunities that could help deliver positive outcomes within each theme.

This stage is about turning community feedback into practical proposals. Officers and Councillors will work together to explore options, assess feasibility and develop ideas that respond directly to what residents have told us.

The result will be a range of potential projects linked to each of the six community-selected themes.

Stage Three - Choosing the Priorities

The final stage places decision-making back into the hands of the community.

Residents will be invited to review the proposed projects and tell us which ideas they would most like to see delivered. This will help the Council understand where community support is strongest and ensure future investment is focused on the projects that matter most to local people.

Have Your Say

We encourage all residents to get involved and make their voices heard.

Go to:

**[https://haydonwick.gov.uk/
community-choices-2026-27/](https://haydonwick.gov.uk/community-choices-2026-27/)**

or scan the QR Code





Planning & Highways Committee Report

The Planning and Highways Committee continues to review a steady number of applications, most relating to small-scale home improvements. Recent proposals included extensions, conversions, garages, and outbuildings, alongside a small number of commercial applications such as signage and external alterations. Overall, applications remain straightforward, reflecting continued investment by residents in maintaining and improving their homes.

Thames Avenue Speed Ramp

The speed ramp on Thames Avenue has been removed by Swindon Borough Council (SBC) Highways Department due to defects. Any reinstatement proposals will be subject to public consultation, giving residents the opportunity to share their views.

Potential Changes to Planning Consultation and Decision-Making

From October 2026, new national planning regulations are expected to significantly change how applications are decided. A National Scheme of Delegation will replace local systems, meaning most applications will be determined by Planning Officers at the local planning authority at SBC rather than Committees.

- Smaller applications (e.g. householder and minor developments) will always be decided by SBC Officers
- Larger or more complex applications may go to SBC's Planning Committee, but only in limited circumstances

Importantly, parish councils will lose the ability to call in applications to Committee, and decisions will no longer be influenced by the number of public objections.

Implications for the Parish Council

Planning Committees at SBC will focus on major or high-impact developments, rather than routine cases. As a result, the Parish Council will need to adapt the role of its Planning & Highways Committee,

CLlr Adam John

Chair of the Planning & Highways Committee

Annual Council Meeting – Highlights

At the Annual Council Meeting held on 19th May 2026, the Parish Council formally appointed its leadership for the new municipal year. Councillor Vinay Manro was unanimously elected as Chairman, with Councillor Steve Heyes elected as Vice Chairman. Members approved committee structures, appointing councillors to standing committees, working parties, and external bodies. Chairs and Vice Chairs of all committees were also agreed. The Council adopted key governance documents including Standing Orders, Financial Regulations, and policies, and confirmed eligibility for the General Power of Competence until 2030. The meeting set a robust framework for Council operations following the May elections.



Finance & Policy Update

Councillors recently reviewed and approved its annual governance and financial statement as part of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) 2025/26. As this was the first time many of the new Councillors were introduced to this important document, Councillors were carefully and comprehensively guided through the process, ensuring a clear understanding of the statutory obligations and accounting figures. While the Parish Council was able to confirm most governance standards with confidence, one area—relating to IT and data management—remains in progress. It was acknowledged that a full Data Audit is currently underway but was not completed within the 25/26 financial year due to late national guidance. This transparency reflects the Council's commitment to getting things right rather than rushing completion.

There was positive news reported, as the end of year financial statement showed, the Council ended the year in a stronger-than-expected position, with an underspend of £89,586. This includes savings from the approved budget alongside the use of Reserves that were not required. Members welcomed this outcome, which helps strengthen future financial resilience.



Meet your Councillors...

Here is a brief introduction to your councillors. You are very welcome to email them for more information about their roles as your parish councillors.

Key to Councillor Committee Responsibilities:



Community Development



Planning & Highways



Parks & Open Spaces



Finance & Policy



Personnel Sub



Cllr Vinay Manro

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Chairman of the Council
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Why did you become a councillor?

Haydon Wick is where I chose to call home, and where both of my children were born and are growing up. That is why I am passionate about helping make it the best it can be.



Favourite thing about Haydon Wick?

What I value most is the strong community spirit, excellent parks and open spaces, and the residents who give their time to support local activities and events.

One change you'd make?

To ensure local services and facilities continue to grow alongside our community, meeting the needs of future generations.

Fun fact about you?

I was a competitive swimmer in my younger years.



Cllr Steve Heyes

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Why did you become a councillor?

I was inspired to become a councillor eight years ago because I wanted to help make Haydon Wick the great place to live that we all want it to be. My priorities are maintaining well-kept green



spaces, including regularly cut grass and well-pruned bushes, keeping our streets free from litter, and investing in our play parks so they remain safe and enjoyable for local families.

Favourite thing about Haydon Wick?

My favourite

thing about living in Haydon Wick is the friendly people I meet when I am out and about.

One change you'd make?

I wouldn't change our community; I simply want to keep improving it as the world around us evolves.



Cllr Nathan Bradley

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Why did you become a councillor?

I have a young child and want to lead by example. As a former Youth Councillor and Deputy UK Youth Parliament member, I felt I should use that experience to help improve our community.



Favourite thing about Haydon Wick?

Seven Fields. We're fortunate to have such a beautiful nature reserve on our doorstep. I visit regularly and always discover something new looking in the wildflower meadows and ancient hedgerows.

One change you'd make?

I'd like more of our young people to be invested within our community. They have valuable ideas and deserve to be heard.

Fun fact about you? *Over the pandemic I taught myself how to unicycle. I really should pick it back up!*



Cllr Chichi Chikezie-Morris

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Why did you become a councillor?

I stood for Council because I believe diverse communities thrive when everyone has a seat at the table, and I wanted to help shape the place I care about.



Favourite thing about

Haydon Wick? The people and the diversity. Haydon Wick has a strong sense of community, beautiful green spaces, and a welcoming spirit.

One change you'd make?

I'd like more opportunities for young people and

families through community programmes, mentoring, and local events that bring people together.

Fun fact about you?

I once won a poetry award because words, like action, matter. I'm also a children's book author and a Japanese Jiu Jitsu belt holder.



Cllr Ian Edwards

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Why did you become a councillor?

My priorities as a councillor are value for money and good services. That's why I first stood for council, and that's why I'm still here now.



Favourite thing about

Haydon Wick? I've lived in Priory Vale for 16 years and think it's a great place to be. I particularly like the parks and open spaces.

One change you'd make?

If I could change one thing, it would be to make it a stronger community. To have more things to do without leaving the parish and for everyone to be able to know their neighbours better.



Cllr Richard Hailstone

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I became a councillor in 1979 when the area consisted of Haydon Wick village and Greenmeadow estate. Most of the parish was fields with six working farms.

Over the years I have been involved in many projects, serving as Vice Chair and Chair of the Parish. Latterly I've been



Chair of the Parks and Open Spaces Committee. Having recently celebrated my 80th birthday I have stepped down from this role but still retain a keen interest in enhancing the Parish with tree and bulb planting and upgrading the many play areas and open spaces.

In my spare time I enjoy gardening, music making and running model steam trains in my garden.

Fun fact about you? When I retired from teaching I worked at Swindon museums, guiding school groups around Lydiard House as Lord Bolingbrook—with the perfect beard for the role!



Cllr Rob Heath

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Why did you become a councillor? I became a councillor to build on my long involvement in local campaigns and to represent residents' views directly. I'm passionate about listening, understanding issues and working persistently to deliver practical results for the community.



Favourite thing about Haydon

Wick? The easy access to parks, schools, local facilities and the countryside makes Haydon Wick a fantastic place to live, with strong connections that support an active, family-friendly community.

One change you'd make?

I would focus on improving and maintaining safer roads, pavements and cycling routes, ensuring they are accessible, well maintained and meet the needs of everyone.

Fun fact about you? I have performed stand up comedy in Swindon



Cllr Alex Hughes

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Why did you become a councillor?

Having lived here for a number of years, I care deeply about our community and its future. My focus will be on listening to residents' concerns, protecting our beautiful green spaces, and supporting local initiatives.



Favourite thing about Haydon Wick?

I want to ensure Haydon Wick remains a vibrant, safe, and welcoming place for everyone.

One change you'd make?

I am particularly keen on championing our local library to ensure it remains a vital asset for our community. I look forward to working hard and representing residents voices.



Cllr Jacqueline Ireland

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Why did you become a councillor?

My inspiration to join the Parish Council was to help contribute towards making a positive difference supporting residents in our community. My priorities are working alongside local schools, churches, organisations and various clubs



in conjunction with listening to residents' concerns and assisting where possible.

Favourite things about Haydon Wick?

I enjoy the safe and friendly neighbourhood and strong sense of community. Also, the many local facilities we have

available and wonderful walks on our doorstep.

One change you'd make?

To aid and support local small, independent businesses more in the Haydon Wick area.

Fun fact about you? *I am a qualified swimming teacher and used to teach lesson for babies and up to 5-year-olds*



Cllr John Jackson

Haydon Wick Ward

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Why did you become a councillor?

Having lived in Haydon Wick for many years, I wanted to give back to the community and protect what makes the parish special. My priorities are supporting residents, maintaining parks and open spaces, and keeping Haydon



Wick a safe, welcoming, community-focused area

Favourite thing about Haydon Wick?

The strong community spirit and excellent green spaces. I enjoy walking my golden retriever, Millie, around the parish and chatting with residents.

One change you'd make?

I'd like to see more opportunities for residents of all ages to connect through community events, volunteering, and local activities.

Fun fact about you? *I'm a passionate football supporter and a lifelong Everton fan.*



Cllr Leigh Jackson

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Why did you become a councillor?

I have always cared about our local community and was already actively involved through volunteering, litter picking and supporting local events. Becoming a councillor was a natural step to make a greater impact.



Favourite thing about Haydon Wick?

The fantastic parks and open spaces right on our doorstep. Alongside this, it's the strong community spirit and friendly, proud residents that make the area so special.

One change you'd make?

To work closely with residents to further enhance our open spaces and ensure that our play parks are inclusive and accessible to all.

Fun fact about you? *I was born in 1986 and named after Swindon Town player at the time Leigh Barnard.*



Cllr Ayo Jimmy

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My decision to stand as a councillor is driven by a strong commitment to community improvement and a desire to help make Haydon Wick an even better place to live, work and raise a family. I am passionate about supporting initiatives that strengthen

community cohesion, enhance local amenities and protect our environment. My priorities include ensuring residents' voices are heard, promoting well-maintained public spaces, supporting community groups and activities, and working collaboratively to address

local concerns. I am committed to helping Haydon Wick remain a safe, welcoming and thriving community where everyone can take pride in their neighbourhood.

Fact about you? *I am dyslexic*



Cllr Adam John

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Why did you become a councillor?

I grew up and I have lived in the Priory Vale area of the Parish for nearly my entire life. I am proud of the Haydon Wick Parish and Swindon so I aim for the local area to be the best area to live or work in.

Favourite thing about Haydon Wick?

One of my favourite things in the Parish is the green parks such as Mouldon Hill alongside the presence of Swindon and Cricklade Railway (the only heritage railway in Wiltshire).

One change you'd make?

If I could change one thing it would be to increase the knowledge of our heritage by getting some themed trails put in place

Fun fact about you? *I am learning a second language in my spare time which is German.*



Cllr Sudha Nukana

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Why did you become a councillor?

I'm passionate about serving the community and ensuring residents are heard. I'm a former Swindon Borough Councillor with over 22 years' IT experience in Defence and actively support local charities,

earning a Community Champion Award. My priorities are safety, supporting families, protecting green spaces, and keeping Haydon Wick a great place to live.

willingness of residents to support one another.

One change you'd make?

To ensure every resident feels heard and involved in shaping local decisions.

Fun fact about you? *I enjoy Bollywood dancing and have completed 14 blood donations.*



Cllr Bose Patrick-Okoh

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Why did you become a councillor?

I've lived in Haydon Wick for 19 years and my children attended schools here. I like helping people and resolving problems. My background in communication, accounting, bank inspection, and reconciliation allowed me to relate with diverse people

and observed gaps that can be filled within the community. One priority is to eliminate racism by providing awareness to help people take better decisions.

Another priority is to organise litter pick sessions, involving young children 6yrs to 15yrs, so they can add value to their community

Favourite thing about Haydon Wick? Favourite things include peace, safety, and beauty.

One change you'd make?

I want to improve or maintain good standards.

Fun fact about you? *Perfume brand owner. President community association*





Cllr Alex Roupelis

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Why did you become a councillor? I care about our parish and its residents. I want a community where people feel safe, valued, and supported. My priorities are maintaining a friendly, clean and safe environment, managing finances transparently, and supporting



people of all ages, including their health and wellbeing.

Favourite thing about Haydon Wick? Haydon Wick has a strong village feel. Its friendly, supportive residents create a real sense of community, which I value greatly.

One change you'd make?

I would strengthen the sense of safety and belonging, so every resident feels supported, connected, and proud to call Haydon Wick home.

Fun fact about you?

I'm a big believer in staying positive and proactive—if something needs doing, I like to get on and make it happen.



Cllr Ciaran Skinner

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Why did you become a councillor?

I stood for election in May as I wanted to be able to make a difference not only to the community as a whole, but also to be able to have an impact on people across Haydon Wick



Favourite thing about Haydon Wick? My favourite thing about Haydon Wick is our parks and open spaces which provide a great space for local residents.

One change you'd make? I would hope to be able to give

as many people as possible a facility or group within the parish to try and give all age groups an opportunity to help develop our community further.

Fun fact about you? I am a Salvation Army volunteer and bandsman in Swindon.



Cllr Leanne Stevenson

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Why did you become a councillor?

I stood as a councillor because I care deeply about people, place and community voice. My priorities are listening, being visible, and helping residents feel heard on the issues that matter to them.



Favourite thing about Haydon Wick?

My favourite thing about Haydon Wick is its strong community spirit, green spaces and the pride people take in where they live and work.

One change you'd make?

If I could make one positive change, it would be to strengthen local connections, so residents, groups and services feel better linked together.

Fun fact about you? *I have competed at a national level as an elite karate athlete, representing both the Army and the Combined Services.*

Book Your Perfect Meeting Space at Haydon Wick Parish Office

- Flexible room hire available for meetings, celebrations, and community groups
- Competitive rates and convenient location

Contact hello@haydonwick.gov.uk for availability and booking information.





Community Led Action Plan Update

Over recent months, Haydon Wick Parish Council has worked with residents to shape the future of the parish through surveys, drop-in sessions, meetings and school focus groups. This engagement has helped identify local priorities and how the community can continue to grow together.

Between December 2025 and March 2026, feedback from residents informed the new Community Led Action Plan 2026–2029, which will guide the Parish Council's work over the next three years.

What Residents told us...

Residents continue to value four key themes:

- **A Clean and Well-Maintained Place**
- **A Kind, Connected and Caring Community**
- **A Green and Sustainable Environment**
- **A Safe and Friendly Place to Live**

Satisfaction with parish services remains positive, though residents highlighted areas for improvement, clearer communication and more visible action.

Key findings include:

- Most residents are satisfied with cleanliness, but concerns remain about weeds, verges and pavements.
- Community connection is generally good, though there is scope to strengthen engagement and inclusion.
- Strong support exists for environmental initiatives such as wildlife protection, tree planting and green space care.
- While safety is viewed positively, priorities include street lighting, patrols and CCTV.

What Happens Next

A key message was the need for better communication and visibility. Many priorities raised are already being addressed, suggesting awareness of current activity could be improved. Residents also expect continued advocacy with partners such as Swindon Borough Council and the police.

The Refreshed Action Plan Will:

- Build on successful existing initiatives
- Focus on maintenance, safety and community connection
- Improve communication with residents
- Strengthen partnership working

Through this plan, Haydon Wick Parish Council remains committed to working with the community to ensure the parish continues to thrive.

Visit: <https://haydonwick.gov.uk/community-led-action-plan-2026-29/> to view the full Community Led Action Plan 2026–2029



Developing Your Community

Haydon Wick Ward



Cllr James Head

It is a real honour to have been elected as the new borough councillor for Haydon Wick on Swindon Borough Council. I would like to sincerely thank everyone who voted, spoke with me during the campaign, and shared their concerns and ideas.

I have a strong personal connection to Haydon Wick, having been born and raised here, attending local schools, and working at North Swindon Practice as a senior clinician. My family also has deep roots in the area. As your councillor, I am committed to being

visible, approachable, and hardworking. Haydon Wick has a strong community spirit, and I want to help keep it safe, clean, and welcoming for all. I also serve as Vice Chair of the Adult and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee, working to improve local health services.

I will focus on listening to residents and addressing priorities such as roads, parking, green spaces, and community safety. Please feel free to get in touch or say hello when you see me.



Cllr Anthony Hedges

Thank you to the residents of Haydon Wick for placing your trust in me by electing me as your borough councillor. It is a true honour to serve the community I have proudly called home for the past ten years.

I am committed to working hard on behalf of all residents, listening carefully to your concerns and doing my very best to represent your interests. I am particularly passionate about protecting and enhancing

our green spaces, maintaining our roads and parks, and ensuring that local costs are managed responsibly and transparently.

As a member of the greener Swindon committee, I look forward to contributing to initiatives that support a healthier, more sustainable environment for our community.

I am excited to begin this journey and work together to make Haydon Wick an even better place to live.



Cllr Stanka Wilson

I would like to begin by expressing a heartfelt thank you to everyone who supported me and re-elected me to serve as your Councillor for Haydon Wick. I am truly grateful for your trust, encouragement, and continued confidence.

I would also like to thank everyone who took part in the democratic process. Open and respectful debate helps keep our community strong, and I want to reassure residents that I will continue to serve everyone in Haydon

Wick with the same commitment and care, regardless of how they voted.

As I begin this new term, I do so with renewed energy and determination. I will keep listening to residents, standing up for our community, and working hard on the issues that matter most to local people.

Please do keep in touch and continue sharing your ideas about how we can make our community even better.

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Priory Vale Ward



Cllr Leanne Stevenson, Cllr Vinay Manro, Cllr Alex Hughes

Following the May elections, we are honoured to serve as your Priory Vale ward councillors on Swindon Borough Council.

Councillor Leanne Stevenson is Swindon Borough Council's Armed Forces Champion, Councillor Vinay Manro is Cabinet Member for Adults and Health, and Councillor Alex Hughes serves as Swindon Borough Council's Mental Health Champion. All three of us also serve as parish councillors, giving us a strong understanding of the issues that matter most to local residents.

Our priority is improving Priory Vale. We are working on parking concerns, highways and road safety, anti-social

behaviour, community safety, environmental issues, and the day-to-day matters that affect residents' quality of life. We continue to raise concerns with the relevant authorities, hold organisations to account, and push for practical solutions that deliver real improvements for residents. We are also committed to protecting and enhancing local green spaces, including Moulton Hill, while supporting improvements across our parks, open spaces, footpaths, and community facilities.

In the coming weeks, we will be launching regular monthly ward surgeries. However, you do not need to wait until then to get in touch. If you have a local concern, suggestion, or issue that needs attention, please contact us. We are here to listen, help, and represent Priory Vale.

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Tuesday Art Group

This year our members have been working on a wide range of projects, and some examples are pictured here. We have recently welcomed new members to the group and are looking forward to seeing what they create over the coming months. Our Chairman Ron will also be giving a workshop in June, which will be a great opportunity to try out new techniques and materials.

We recently held an exhibition of our work in the Parish Council Offices, which took place from 10th to 14th March 2026. There were ninety-five paintings on display, with characterful animals, colourful landscapes, butterflies and flowers among the most popular works. We had a large number of visitors during the week, and it is always great to see all of our artwork together in one room. We hope you were able to come and see our exhibition, and we thank those who were able to do so.



Dorinda Balchin - Tiger

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. The group is currently fully subscribed and we are unable to take on new members due to space restrictions.



Jean Bridge - Town



Ellie Freeman - Woodland Sunbeam



Seven Fields Nature Reserve

Firstly, on behalf of the members of the Conservation Group, we extend a warm welcome to 2 new members, Mary Southgate, and Roy Worman. Thank you so much for joining us, we look forward to working with you.

The group is continuing to work in collaboration with the local councils, Wiltshire Wildlife Trust, and the Wiltshire Butterfly Conservation group. We completed a national survey conducted by Open Spaces and look forward to seeing the findings. We also plan to extend our collaborative work further this year, to explore volunteering opportunities and increase our capacity to ensure the reserve is protected for years to come.

We received some great news this year from Robin Griffiths (Wilts Butterfly Conservation) and his team who found a total of 13 Brown Hairstreak butterfly eggs in the reserve. The number of eggs has increased from previous years. They often work in awful weather conditions to do their sterling work. Thank you, the work you do is so valuable.

Winter and spring has been wetter this year, with spring being spiked with snaps of cold windy weather. The walking areas have taken even more of a hammering than the year before. We continue to appeal to walkers who brave the winter weather to walk as

near to the hedgerows as possible and avoid making the paths wider which in turn make the fields smaller, an important aim of the group is to maintain the original location of the paths. Over time and especially in winter the walkways in some areas have strayed too far away from the hedgerows; we thank you for your cooperation. Our thanks also go to the Haydon Wick Parish Council Parks & Outdoor Spaces Team for their help in this venture.

The resilience of the reserve however has shone through, from the early blossom of cherry plum, blackthorn and hawthorn to name but a few, to the early entrants in the meadows, and verges, such as buttercups, oxeye daisies, bush vetch, herb Robert, ground ivy and cut leaf cranesbill.

Last year was a mast year for tree blossom, this year hasn't been so prolific, with trees having a bit of a rest. Unpredictable weather patterns such as huge fluctuations in temperatures can confuse and trick wildlife. Climate change only adds to the challenges facing the reserve.

Those of you who visit the reserve often will have noticed the removal of Kings bridge, between Spring Field and Half Moon Ground. The bridge was taken away for repair, restoration, and return to its original place, along with the plaques. Our thanks to all concerned in the Borough Council for making this possible.

Please continue to enjoy the reserve, please keep to the mown paths, especially those that have been rerouted nearer the hedgerows.

For more information, visit the Seven Fields Conservation Group & Seven Fields Reserve facebook pages.
Thank you, Maureen Adsley



Seven Fields parkrun

Every Saturday morning at 9am, Seven Fields comes alive with walkers, joggers, runners and volunteers gathering for Seven Fields parkrun – a free, friendly and inclusive 5k community event that continues to help local people become more active and connected.

Since launching, the event has gone from strength to strength, recently celebrating a record attendance of 360 participants. People of all ages and abilities now regularly take part, whether aiming for a personal best, enjoying a gentle walk with friends, or simply getting outside and being active.

parkrun is built on simple principles: it is free forever, open to everyone, and organised entirely by volunteers. There is no pressure to be fast, and participants are welcome to walk, jog or run the course at their own pace. First-timers are always warmly welcomed, and many people discover that parkrun becomes an enjoyable part of their weekly routine.

Getting involved is easy. Participants simply need to register once online, print or download their barcode, and then turn up on a Saturday morning ready to take part. Registration can be completed at the official parkrun website: www.parkrun.org.uk/register/

Volunteers are equally important to the success of the event. Every week local people give their time to marshal the course, scan barcodes, time participants and encourage others around the route. Volunteering is a fantastic way to meet people, support the community and enjoy the atmosphere without needing to run or walk the course.



The benefits of parkrun go far beyond physical fitness. Regular participation can improve mental wellbeing, reduce isolation, build confidence and create lasting friendships. Many participants say the sense of community is what keeps them returning week after week.

Seven Fields parkrun takes place in the attractive open green spaces of North Swindon, offering a scenic and accessible course with a welcoming atmosphere for both experienced runners and complete beginners. The event has become a positive focal point for the local community and demonstrates the value of accessible outdoor activity for all.

This spring, members of the Seven Fields parkrun community also helped launch a new junior parkrun at the Moredon Sporting Hub. junior parkrun is a free, fun and friendly 2k event for children aged 4–14, held every Sunday morning. The events focus on participation, enjoyment and building healthy habits from an early age.

The Moredon Sporting Hub junior parkrun provides a wonderful opportunity for local families to get active together and enjoy being outdoors in a supportive environment. More information and **registration details can be found here:** www.parkrun.org.uk/register/
Further information about junior parkrun is available at: www.parkrun.org.uk/juniorevents/

Whether you want to run, walk, volunteer or simply cheer others on, Seven Fields parkrun welcomes everyone every Saturday morning!



Step Out Swindon

Our early summer coach trip to Bournemouth was enjoyed by all despite the intense heat. The 2 coaches got us there and back in air-conditioned comfort thankfully and a gentle sea breeze softened the heat. Quite a few even managed to dip their toes into the cold water on a packed beach after our walk along the promenade and following a long queue for ice creams. Our next event, other than regular walks, will be the Summer Party which is always popular.

In these times of severe weather conditions, we try to adapt our walks to suit the conditions. If it is hot and sunny we try to find the shade, or find shelter from the wind and rain or firm ground if it is soft underfoot. We can shorten the walks if needed and always try to find the best places to walk to suit those walking with us. We adapt to suit the conditions and walkers.

Our numbers continue to grow as we welcome new walkers to both of our Haydon Wick Thursday walks. The shorter Gentle Mobility Walk, which starts at 10.30, continues to offer those with less mobility the opportunity to exercise as much, or as little, as they are able. Walkers get as far as they can, or for up to 15 minutes, then turn back when they feel the need, all supported by trained volunteers to keep everyone safe and comfortable. We help you do what ever is best for you.

The longer 1 hour walk, which starts at 10.00am, stretches the legs a bit 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. All of which will make you feel better in yourself and walking with a group always encourages you to do just that bit more and to socialise with others.

As well as the Haydon walks on a Thursday morning we do offer other walks in and around the town. On a 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 at TKMaxx at Mannington with a 10.30 start from Croft Leisure Centre car park on a Friday morning

All of our walks are free, led by trained volunteers and we offer refreshments after the walks at most walks, apart from Croft, for which we ask a small donation. No need to book just arrive a few minutes before the start time to register and you will be made most welcome.

Our walks are different every week and take you to interesting places in the town which may be new to you. We can guarantee a friendly group who you will enjoy walking with whichever group you choose to join. If you need any further details then check our website on: www.ramblers.org.uk/wellbeing-walks, our Facebook page at Step Out Swindon Wellbeing Walks or contact me at: info@stepoutswindon.org.uk or on: 07932 109209

Grahame Lee



Haydon Artists' Society

In this edition, we showcase a selection of our members' work created over recent months, reflecting a range of styles and subjects. Highlights include a knitted interpretation of Feathers McGraw from *The Wrong Trousers* and a detailed study of a Japanese teapot.

Architectural and animal themes also feature, with a pastel of Malmesbury Abbey, a pencil drawing of a horse, and a charming depiction of a hare—fitting for May. The collection is completed by an expressive oil pastel of a dog, alongside two atmospheric landscapes: a peaceful lakeside scene in pastel and a striking sunset in oils.

We are also proud to have recently exhibited members' paintings at Haydonleigh Primary School, displayed alongside the children's artwork.

If you're interested in joining our friendly group, please come along to one of our weekly sessions. We meet at the Des Moffat Western Community Centre, on the corner of Somerset Road and Cheney Manor Road, every Thursday evening from 18:45 to 21:15.

New members are welcome to attend their first few meetings free of charge. If you decide to become a regular member, the cost is £10 per month to help cover rent, heating, and lighting.

For more information, please contact Barbara Moody on 07776 243484.



Swindon BIG Knit

Swindon Big Knit — the community crafting initiative supporting homeless and vulnerable people across the town — is putting out an urgent call for volunteer sewers to help assemble knitted squares into warm, comforting blankets.

Swindon Big Knit is inviting anyone who can sew by hand; to join their friendly crafting sessions or to take

For more information about Swindon Big Knit and its work, visit: www.swindonbigknit.org

squares home to assemble at their own pace. Those interested in helping can contact Tracey directly at: majortracey@gmail.com

"Being part of this project is incredibly rewarding," Tracey adds. "You're not just sewing squares; you're stitching together kindness, community and care."



Haydon Wick Bowls Club

Bowls' Big Summer Open Evening Monday 27th July - 18.00 - 20.00

Haydon Wick Bowls Club is taking part in Bowls England's Bowls Big Summer Event and will be hosting an Open Evening on Monday July 27th. Why not watch the Commonwealth Games Lawn Bowls on television and if you feel inspired, come along and have a go. We'll be delighted to see you. Please wear flat soled shoes to protect our green.

HWBC coach Nigel Morgan visits the Falkland Islands (see photos)

A visit to the Falkland Islands Bowls Association from HWBC coach Nigel Morgan has provided a major boost for the sport, his programme of coach development, player support and competition involvement helped strengthen the world's most southerly bowls association.

Nigel's time in the Islands saw nine local bowlers achieve coaching qualifications, as FIBA looks to grow the sport across the community. This progress reflects the recent rise of bowls in the Falklands. Since FIBA was reformed in 2020, the sport has continued to gather momentum. The Falklands have selected six athletes for Glasgow 2026, with bowls once again providing the country with representation on a major international stage. The Vice Chair of FIBA said: "Nigel's visit has been hugely important. Having seven new Level 1 coaches and two new Level 2 coaches is a major step forward for bowls in the Falkland Islands, and the work he has done with our Commonwealth Games squad has also been invaluable.

HWBC member Dave Longhurst is the President of Bowls Wiltshire this year

Dave Longhurst discovered lawn bowls at Haydon Wick's Open Day during 2016 and became addicted from the beginning. He took advantage of the free coaching offered on Monday nights which promptly led to him joining.

After many "roll-ups" he gained confidence and valuable match experience, joining the Friday Night competition and attending numerous friendly games.

Dave has since won several club competitions and been part of our league team with some success in various campaigns, including winning promotion in both the Wiltshire and Swindon & District evening leagues in the 2024 season. He also served as Club President during 2020 and 2021.

Why not follow in Dave's footsteps?

Haydon Wick Bowls Club is located behind the Haydon Centre, off Thames Avenue. First and foremost we play bowls for fun and welcome those new to the sport, offering free coaching every Monday night from 18.00 - 20.00 until the end of August. The only requirement is that you wear flat soled shoes to protect the green, the bowls can be borrowed.

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.



Investing in Tomorrow:

Haydon Wick Parish Council's Commitment to Work Experience Opportunities

The Value of Work Experience Opportunities in Local Communities

Providing work experience opportunities is an invaluable way for young people to develop a deeper understanding of the world of work. For students, these placements bridge the gap between classroom learning and real-life application, helping them build confidence, learn new skills, and explore potential career paths in a meaningful way.

At Parish Council level, work experience is particularly unique. Unlike larger organisations that may focus on a single sector, a Parish Council offers exposure to a wide variety of functions within one setting. From administration and community engagement to environmental services and parks management, students are able to experience multiple vocations in a short period of time. This broad insight helps them discover interests they may not have previously considered and equips them with a more rounded view of employment. Our recent work experience placement with



Noah highlighted the positive impact these opportunities can have. During his time with us, Noah gained hands-on experience supporting council administration, assisting with Leisure Garden inspections, attending a community event, and working alongside our Parks and Open Spaces team. This variety not only built practical skills but also demonstrated how different roles contribute to the wellbeing of the local community.

In addition, we are proud to support young people through initiatives such as The Duke of Edinburgh's Award, further encouraging personal development, volunteering, and community involvement.

Work experience placements foster essential employability skills such as communication, teamwork, and professionalism. More importantly, they inspire young people—giving them the confidence to take their next steps and consider future possibilities.

By investing in these opportunities, Parish Councils play a vital role in nurturing the next generation and strengthening connections between young people and their communities.



Haydon Wick Living Magazine

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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.



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Young at Heart Over 60's Club

As I write this at the end of May, we have already enjoyed our first outing to Abergavenny. I hadn't been there for a few years, but it is just as lovely as I remember, with plenty of shops to explore.

We have also had our spring holiday on the Isle of Wight, where we stayed in Shanklin. The hotel was very good, with enjoyable entertainment such as bingo and quizzes. During the week, we visited Godshill on Tuesday and Newport on Wednesday. We also spent a day at Osborne House and took a boat trip around Cowes Harbour. On Thursday, we went to Alum Bay and the Needles.

We had a smooth journey home on Friday.

Now we can look forward to the rest of our outings, with our next trip being to Porthcawl — somewhere we have not visited before.

Wendy Whelan, Chair

Haydon Wick Over 60's Club

Alternate Mondays, Monday 1.30pm - 4pm, Haydon Wick Club.

In March the club celebrated its 55th birthday we think this is something to be quite proud of I have been a member for 34 years (no prizes for guessing how old I am!) and I still enjoy our fortnightly get togethers. We have had one outing so far this year to Cardiff and although it was a day of mixed weather everyone who went enjoyed the day. We are lucky to be able to hold our meetings in the comfortable Haydon Wick Club and also to have the use of the Haydon Wick Parish Council Community Bus to pick up and drop off. We meet fortnightly on a Monday afternoon and have a variety of entertainment with refreshments and a raffle. If you would like more information please contact our Chairperson Shirley Bleay details in the 'What's On' section of this magazine, we would be happy to see you. Have a lovely summer.

Pat Cutting



SWINDON & CRICKLADE RAILWAY



Historic Carriage Discovered

Swindon Old Town Carriage Body

It started with a message left on the S&CR website. A resident in Swindon Old Town had a carriage body in their back garden; free to anyone interested who would take it away. There was a photo, showing a grounded carriage body, partially covered in vegetation. But it didn't look Great Western, the square shape of the mouldings was more reminiscent of a London, Chatham & Dover Railway (LC&DR) carriage. Our curiosity was roused.

So, on 4th March, a group from the Vintage Train Project set off for Old Town to meet the couple who owned the carriage and have a good look at it. Despite the many years outside, the carriage turned out to be in remarkably good condition, with no signs of water ingress. A thick mat of ivy and

vegetation protected the roof, whilst the body was raised on bricks and had an air gap underneath. The compartment dividers, seating and internal fittings were all long gone, however all the doors were present along with door locks and some of the door furniture. The doors and roof hoops indicated this was once a five compartment vehicle, most likely a third class 4-wheeler of around 30ft in length. But from which railway company? It certainly didn't look like a Great Western vehicle, nor a Midland & South Western Junction Railway carriage.

At last, after some judicious cleaning and scraping of the door handles, we found it! H&BR stamped clearly on the inside face of one of the handles. It was a Hull & Barnsley Railway carriage body. And this suddenly made sense.

The H&BR was a late comer to the railway scene, opening in 1885. The railway had poached an engineer from the LC&DR and had ordered its first

twenty new carriages to that company's design, built by the Ashbury Railway Carriage & Iron Company. By 1919, these carriages were getting tired and were withdrawn. Twelve of the old 4-wheelers were sold off to several railways in South Wales, comprising the Brecon & Merthyr Railway, Cardiff Railway and the Rhymney Railway, possibly for use on miners' trains. These railway companies were taken over by the Great Western in 1923, and the aging 4-wheelers were withdrawn for the second time in 1925. It seems in this particular instance, the vehicle was brought to Swindon for disposal and hence the carriage body ended up in a back garden in Old Town.

Fast forward back to the present day; it was clear that the carriage was of some historical interest and worth saving, but perhaps not for the Swindon & Cricklade Railway. We therefore made an approach to the Hull & Barnsley Rolling Stock Fund (H&BRSF), to enquire if they might be interested. The H&BRSF already has H&BR no. 1, a Brake 3rd 4-wheeler of 1884 vintage which is nearing completion of a 13-year restoration effort and the opportunity to acquire a full 3rd carriage of the same 1884-build to match has met with great enthusiasm.

The owner has now agreed to donate the carriage body to the H&BRSF and we hope to see it departing for a secure future up North in the forthcoming weeks. Great to be able to help.

Ken Goodwin
Editor - Tiddly Dyke

Train, Track and Trolley

Explore the NEW NORTHERN EXTENSION in rail vehicles the public rarely see.

Enjoy a varied sequence of action throughout the weekend.

SWINDON & CRICKLADE RAILWAY

SATURDAY 18TH & SUNDAY 19TH JULY 2026

DAY TICKETS: ADULT £12
SENIOR £11
CHILD £10



Wickham Trolley Rides
PWay Rail Vehicle & Crane Demonstrations
Engineering Train Rides
Historic Cinema Coach showing rare films
...and more, in this rolling event over 2 days!

Doors Open 10.00am
Free Car Park

Cafe Open All Weekend
No Booking Needed



SWINDON & CRICKLADE RAILWAY

TEDDY BEARS' PICNIC



SATURDAY 29 AND SUNDAY 30 AUGUST

Children travel for £2 when accompanied by a teddy*
Adults £12, Seniors £9



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 2026 can be found on the website www.swindon-cricklade-railway.org
You can also follow the railway on **Facebook**.



SUMMER WORDSEARCH PUZZLE

Win a £25 shopping voucher, by correctly solving this puzzle. To enter, find all of the words in the puzzle grid. They may run forwards or backwards, horizontally, vertically or diagonally, but always in a straight line. One flavour is missing in the list, can you find it? It is the answer to the competition.



Good Luck!

BANANA
BLACKBERRY
CHEESECAKE
CHERRY
CINNAMON
COFFEE
FUDGE
LEMON
NEAPOLITAN
ORANGE
PISTACHIO
RASPBERRY
ROCKY ROAD
STRACCIATELLA
STRAWBERRY
SUMMER FRUITS
TOFFEE
TUTTI-FRUTTI
VANILLA

The missing flavour is:

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 28th August 26. 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**

Winter
Competition

Sarah Higgins Answer - MAY

Congratulations Sarah, we hope you enjoy spending your voucher.

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Who Does What

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

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|  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 |
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|  Grant Applications |  Precept Queries |
|  Grass Cutting |  Shrub Maintenance |
|  Flyposting & Fly Tipping Removal |  Tree Maintenance (-12ft) |

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|  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

Badminton Club - Greenmeadow

Tuesday and Friday 7-10pm.

GLL Haydon Leisure Centre. Previous badminton experience required. Kevin Young 07880 255 927

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. Jacqueline,

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

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@smarthemaclubs.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 9am, 10.30am & 5.30pm, St John's Church, Haydon Wick, Sharon Painter, 07841119082

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. Wendy 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
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Important numbers

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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 Wayne.....**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**

CALM.....**0800 58 58 58**

The National Bullying

Helpline.....**0845 22 55 787**

Swindon Parenting Hub (formerly Butterflies)

family support for under 5's.....**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**
 Salvation Army **513788**
 Samaritans..... **116123**
 Shelter..... **0808 800 444**
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 **610610**
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 National Express **03717 818181**
 Traveline..... **0871 200 2233**

POST OFFICE

Abbey Meads Tesco **0345 611 2970**

TRAINS

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

UTILITIES

British Telecom (Faults)..... **0800 800151**
 Electricity Emergency **105**
 Gas Emergency..... **0800 111 999**
 Streetlights **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

James Head..... **01793 445500**
 Anthony Hedges ahedges@swindon.gov.uk
 Alex Hughes..... **07800 866976**
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 Leanne Stevenson.....
l Stevenson@swindon.gov.uk
 Stanka Wilson **07809 692046**

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CINEMAS

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

MEDIA

Link Magazine **644540**

NURSERIES & CHILDCARE

Busy Bees, St Andrews.....**726919**
 Haydon Meadow **07790 497329**
 Little Pippins.....**07879 623507**
 Little Scholars, ... **07971 510820**

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BBC Wiltshire (103.6) wiltshire@bbc.co.uk
 Swindon Community Radio (105.5) **611555**
 Kelly Morgan BBC Radio Wiltshire
07783 772102 kelly.morgan@bbc.co.uk

RESTAURANTS

Blunsdon Arms.....**729801**
 Toby Carvery.....**702081**
 The Manor Farm **705222**
 The Tawny Owl **706770**
 The Fox & Hounds..... **724749**

TAKEAWAYS (LOCAL)

Chinese

Abbey Meads Rendevous **703388**
 Seven Star Chinese..... **480885**

Fish & Chips

Redhouse Place **745568**
 The Fish and Chip Shop **523211**

Indian

Bhaji's, Thames Avenue **533799**

Pizza

Dominos **701888**

SPORT & LEISURE

Delta Tennis **872699**
 Haydon Centre **721526**
 Hydrotherapy Pool..... **496002**
 Link Centre **877323**
 Milton Road Health Hydro..... **616396**
 STFC **0330 002 1879**

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ASDA Walmart..... **707770**
 Ocado **0345 656 1234**
 Tesco..... **0800 323 4040**
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