

SANDY LANE PARISH COUNCIL *Newsletter*

The latest updates on your local neighbourhood

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RECENT ACTIVITY

The Parish Council has been continuing to work hard for the community of Sandy Lane since the last newsletter, including the organisation of the Remembrance Day event last November and the facilitating the placing of the Yorkshire Day flags around the village for Yorkshire Day in August.

PARISH COUNCILLORS

Below are all the names of the current members of the Parish Council.

All councillors will be up for re-election again in 2027:

Beverley Porter (Chair)
Sajid Hussain (Vice Chair)
Sue Ledger
Sughra Nazir
Geoff Pounds
Sandra Shallcross

PARISH COUNCIL CLERK

Our Parish Council Clerk is Ms Eve Haskins, 174 Bradford Road, Shipley, BD18 3DE,
Tel: 01274 408472, Email:
clerk@sandy lane parish council.org.uk.

Please feel free to contact Eve with any suggestions or comments regarding the Parish Council.

Parish Council meetings are generally held on the second Monday of each month, at Bethel Baptist Church at 6.00pm. All meetings are open to the public, and we are very welcoming!

**PARISH
COUNCIL
MEETINGS
EVERYONE
WELCOME!**

There is a standing agenda item each month called 'Public forum', which

allows members of the public to make comments or raise concerns, for a maximum of 15 minutes. Other agenda items deal with the urgent business of the Parish Council and as such public are not permitted to comment during the rest of the meeting.

The Parish Council would like to hear your views and ideas about their work and the village in general, so please do join us if you can.



LEST WE FORGET — REMEMBRANCE DAY —

EVENT 2025

We will also be organising another Remembrance Day event in November this year – this will take place on

Sunday 9th November 2025

commencing at 10.30am in Greenwood Park, Sandy Lane.

The timings for the events are as follows:

- 10.30am** Meet near the war memorial in Greenwood Park
- 10.50am** Scouts parade through the park
- 11.00am** Two minutes silence
- 11.02am** The Last Post
- 11.03am** Laying of wreaths at the war memorial

EVERYONE WELCOME



SANDY LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY

SANDY LANE PUPIL IN THE COMMUNITY

Sandy Lane Primary School Children Supporting Their Local Community

At Sandy Lane Primary School, we believe that being part of a community means working together, helping others, and taking pride in where we live. Over the past year our children have been busy doing just that — showing care, respect, and enthusiasm as they take part in a variety of community projects.

Our children have taken great pride in helping to keep our local area clean and tidy through regular litter picks. These events not only make a visible difference to our surroundings but also help the children understand the importance of looking after our environment.

We were also honoured to take part in the Remembrance Service, where our children paid their respects and reflected on the bravery and sacrifice of those who have served. Their participation showed real maturity and compassion, and we are incredibly proud of the way they represented our school.

A huge thank you goes to MyVision Opticians for supporting us with our Macmillan Coffee Morning, which raised money for a fantastic cause. It was wonderful to see children, staff, and families come together to make a difference.

Our children have also enjoyed making visits to Carlton Nurseries Garden Centre, where they've learned about plants, the environment, and how small changes can help our planet. These visits have sparked plenty of curiosity and creativity back in school too! We're also delighted to share that our school sports teams now have a brand new kit, kindly sponsored by Vurte Motors. This generous support means our children can represent Sandy Lane Primary School with pride at future sporting events — thank you to our parents and community partners for making this possible.

At Sandy Lane, we are keen to continue building positive relationships within our local community. If you are a local business or organisation and would like to work with us or involve our children in a community project, we would love to hear from you.

Please contact us at: office@sandylane.bradford.sch.uk

**FREE NURSEY PLACES AVAILABLE FOR JANUARY
PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL OFFICE TO FIND OUT MORE
INFORMATION
01274 546493**



9TH BRADFORD NORTH SCOUT GROUP

BEAVERS

- Our Beavers continue to thrive, with new joiners replacing many who have moved up to Cubs.
- We have 9 Beavers at present, with 4 Adult Leaders, and 2 Young Leaders.
- At the time of writing, we have a few spaces for any potential new Beaver.
- Programme included – several camps, sleepovers, Eureka trip, Canal Water Adventure, climbing, archery.
- 127 Badges and 1 Bronze Chief Scout Award have been gained over the past 12 months.

CUBS

- Cubs are thriving, with 15 currently on the books, 3 Leaders and 3 Young Leaders.
- Programme has included - cycle challenge in Dewsbury, Eureka Trip, Badge Days at Bradley woods, joint sleepover with Scouts, climbing, archery.
- 198 Activity Badges and 7 Chief Scout Silver Awards have been gained over the past 12 months.

SCOUTS

- We currently have 16 Scouts, with 3 Leaders and 1 Young Leader.
- Activities included - Shooting & Archery Competition, plenty of camping (at least 1 per term), Expedition Challenge, sailing, climbing, cooking without recipes!
- 169 Activity Badges, 47 Challenge Awards and 4 Chief Scout Gold Awards have been gained over the past 12 months.

EXPLORERS

- We have recently had an explosion in the number of Explorers as our Scouts move up and we are attracting new Explorers to join the team. We currently have 21 Explorers, with 2 Leaders.
- Activities included – several camps and sleepovers, pioneering, Monopoly Challenge, Canoe Duke of Edinburgh Expedition, climbing.
- 152 Activity Badges, 2 Duke of Edinburgh Bronze and 5 Chief Scout Platinum Awards have been gained over the past 12 months.

YOUNG LEADERS

- We have 10 Explorers who are helping different sections at our Group, Bradford North District and other local districts.

EASYFUNDRAISING

Remember you can support the Group every time you buy anything over the internet, by signing on to the Group's link on Easyfundraising:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/9thbradfordnorthscoutgroup>

NETHERLANDS CAMP 2025

Our Scouts and Explorers had a small camp in the Netherlands this summer! It started 7 years ago, when Dave and Emily, our Scout Leaders, had a vague idea that it could be fun to take our Scouts on a camp in the Netherlands. Just as we were about to look at it in detail, the pandemic hit and everything stopped. It took a few more years to sort out an initial shape.

We launched the camp to our members and families at the Group AGM in 2023. Since then, it has grown from a small idea to successful week in Europe. From these initial planning stages, the trip morphed into various forms as we all investigated the possible options for transport, accommodation and activities as the new rules for the EU became apparent. Coach transport, ferry from Dover and a campsite in Rotterdam were eventually all booked.

Total of 39 travelling:

- 17 Scouts;
- 10 Explorer Scouts;
- 6 Leaders from Scouts, Explorers, Cubs and Beavers;
- 4 parents and family members
- 2 Support Team members in the Netherlands.

Plus our UK Support Team.

The programme was a mix of on-site activities and off-site visits.

On site activities included:

- Dutch culture, language and what we could expect to see when off-site.
- Dutch games including Yakkar turning.
- Teamwork challenge to look at decision making and reasoning.
- Water activities with boating and rafting.
- Mix of traditional and new indoor and outdoor Scout games.

Off-site visits included:

- A day in Rotterdam - up the Euromast, explored the cube houses and street food from the Markthal.
- A day in Delft – town quiz, shopping (spending some pocket money!), Nieuwe Kerk, learning history of the city and climbing the tower to take in the landscape and views.
- Shopping at a local supermarket where the young people deciphered the options to buy themselves lunch.
- Trip to Madurodam - to call it a model city would not do it justice.
- Trip to Scheveningen Beach (it rained!!) - shallow paddle and sandcastle building competition, fries and traditional Dutch hot snacks on the pier.

Phil Lowde – Group Scout Leader/Group Lead Volunteer



Girlguiding
SANDY LANE

**BROWNIES WELCOMES GIRLS AGED
7-10 FOR FUN, LEARNING AND ADVENTURE!**

We meet on a weekly basis
(Wednesdays 6:30-7:30pm) in the village.
Spaces are available.

For more details, use the following link:
<https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-a-child/>

MANY THANKS TO THE VICTORIA HOTEL, SANDY LANE

The Parish Council would like to express thanks to the Victoria Hotel ('Vic') for providing community support during the recent evacuation of Bairstow Street – everyone was incredibly grateful for their community-minded spirit.

Please see the notices below for their gig list for the rest of the year and details on the pub quiz they hold every Wednesday evening:



GIG LISTINGS AT THE VICTORIA HOTEL

OCTOBER

SAT 4/10 - WAITING FOR WEDNESDAY

SAT 11/10 CIERAN MILLER & SEAN DILLON

SAT 18/10 - BLUE STAR TATTOO

SAT 25/10 - HOMBURGS

FRIDAY 31/10 CRAIG BRAUNS & DAVE WEEKS
HALLOWEEN EXTRAVAGANZA

NOVEMBER

SAT 1/11 DJ GRIFF

SAT 8/11 NATURAL RHYTHM

SAT 22/11 - RISING AGAIN

DECEMBER

SAT 6/12 - HAYLEY GAFTARNICK

SAT 13/12 - LONG SHADOW FAMILY

SAT 27/12 TODD WILSON

QUIZ AND SUPPER CLUB

AT THE VICTORIA HOTEL

**GRAB YOUR TEAM MATES
AND JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF
FUN**

FREE SUPPER AT HALF TIME

**CASH PRIZES AND FREE
PINTS TO BE WON**

**GET DOWN
FOR 8PM**