

Ravensworth Parish Council – Village Information Document

Several residents who have recently moved into the village have mentioned that it would be useful to have access to key information about Ravensworth to help them find their way around and familiarise themselves with village life. We have therefore put the following information together in the hope that everyone finds it helpful.

Ravensworth Parish Council

The current membership is as follows:

- Andrew Ayres – Chair and Acting Clerk (01325718537) – 60 Ravensworth.
- Julie Cooke – Parish Councillor (07999833860)
- Audrey Pledge – Parish Councillor (07918089023)
- Barbara Hird – Parish Councillor (07873754991)
- Carol Robinson – Parish Councillor (07588543160)

There is currently a vacancy for a Parish Clerk.

All Parish Council correspondence should be addressed to: ravensworth.village@gmail.com

All meetings of the Parish Council are held in the Village Hall, commence at 7:00 pm and are scheduled as follows: 2nd September 2024, 11th November 2024, 10th February 2025, 14th April 2025, 12th May 2025 (Annual Meeting).

Agendas, Minutes and other Parish Council business can be found on the village notice board which is located on the wall of the Village Hall, as well as on the Ravensworth Website (www.ravensworthvillage.com).

All Ravensworth residents are welcome to attend our meetings. We offer the opportunity for an open forum so that the parish councillors can hear and discuss any issues/concerns expressed by parishioners.

E-Mail Address

The Parish Council aims to keep villagers informed of any relevant matters, wherever possible by email. Please send your email details to ravensworth.village@gmail.com, to be added to the distribution list.

Ravensworth Website: www.ravensworthvillage.com

The website contains Information about the history of Ravensworth, local news and activities, Parish Council business, and other useful information including walks and maps.

Village Precept

This is the funding allocated to the Parish Council by North Yorkshire Council for the upkeep of the village and its assets.

The Village Green and Track

The Village is part of a conservation area, and the Village Green is administered by Ravensworth Parish Council, which is responsible for its maintenance, protection and upkeep. All matters relating to the Village Green should be referred to the Parish Council. As custodians, the Parish Council must ensure that the Village Green is protected against encroachment, damage and uses other than those consistent with the normal enjoyment of the Village Green. Driving, cycling, motorcycles, or parking of any motorised or horse drawn vehicles on any part of the Village Green is legally not permitted. No horse riding nor grazing of livestock is permitted. Maintenance and repairs relating to the Village Green will only be carried out by contractors appointed to undertake such works by the Parish Council.

The track around the Village Green is not a public highway. It was never designed for use by vehicles and so the surface, which is made up of shingle, suffers considerably from the volume of use it now gets. Residents will appreciate that the annual precept is insufficient to fund the upkeep of the track in any meaningful way. A particular problem is caused when large vehicles travel at speed up and down the track, not only leading to the damage of an already vulnerable surface but also endangering the lives of those using it.

The Parish Council asks that the following points be borne in mind regarding the Village Green and Track:

- children and residents are entitled to use the Village Green for recreation purposes
- the speed limit for travelling along the track is 5 mph
- Vehicles, motorcycles etc must not be driven across the village green
- if residents have off-road parking, this should be used instead of the Village Green
- if there is no alternative, those parking on the Village Green must understand that they do so without permission. They should have regard to the damage that will be caused due to poor weather conditions and do everything possible to negate this. If your vehicle is on the grass, please drive on and off it slowly to avoid causing any damage
- only vehicles that are taxed, tested and insured should travel along the track or be parked on/in the vicinity of the Village Green.

Village Hall Bookings and Availability

Our Village Hall has now been refurbished and is an excellent facility to hire for celebration events and other gatherings.

The following regular events also take place: Art & Craft Group – Monday 2:00 to 4:00 pm; Yoga – Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday – 6:30 to 7:30 pm; Samba Drums – Monday evenings; Soup and Sweet lunches – 3rd Thursday each month (Joan Hawes – 07870654531).

Residents are offered discounted rates for hiring the Village Hall.

For further information and bookings please contact Carol Robinson, either by email: carolannerobinson@hotmail.com or by telephone: 07588543160.

The Flyer

The Flyer is a local newsheet which is delivered, wherever possible, through the letter boxes of all village properties. This document contains information about forthcoming events in Ravensworth, as well as those taking place in neighbouring villages. The newsheet can also be viewed electronically via the Ravensworth Website (Local History).

Information can be submitted to The Flyer by emailing: theflyernewsdesk@gmail.com

Public Transport

There are at least 5 buses travelling daily on weekdays between Ravensworth, Barningham, Barnard Castle, Newsham, Kirby Hill, Gilling West and Richmond, with an adjusted timetable at weekends. This service is provided by Hodgson Coaches.

The pick-up point in both directions at Ravensworth is adjacent to the Bay Horse.

A detailed timetable is available from www.hodgsonsbuses.com

There is also a printed copy of the timetable on the road signpost at the pick-up point.

Dog Bins

There are three dog bins in the village:

- near the seat on the top side of the Village Green
- at the entrance to Tofta (first road on the left as you leave the village, heading towards Richmond)
- outside the Village Hall

It has been an ongoing concern of residents that some dog owners do not always clean up after their pets. This is a particular problem given that children play on the Village Green and in the surrounding countryside.

We simply ask that everybody cleans up after their pets and uses the bins provided!

Oil Club

Nigel Bateman kindly co-ordinates our Oil Club. He arranges deliveries approximately 4 times a year, having rung around the oil companies to get their best price for a bulk purchase. He sends out an email asking club members to let him know if they wish to receive any oil that month. If you are interested in taking advantage of this facility, Nigel can be contacted at: ntbateman@btinternet.com

Defibrillator

Ravensworth has a defibrillator, located on the Village Hall wall. It can be accessed by 'phoning 999 in an emergency and asking the Ambulance Service for the access code. There are clear instructions on the defibrillator about its use. The equipment will not shock somebody who is breathing, so there is no need to be frightened to use it. Defibrillators are proven to help save lives. See separate sheet for more information.

Local Businesses

We are extremely fortunate to have several first-class businesses in and around the Village:

- **Acorn Dairies** – offers doorstep deliveries of organic milk, cream etc.
Website: acorndairy.co.uk
Tel: 01325-466999
- **Bay Horse Inn, Ravensworth** – located in the centre of the village
Open each Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings for food and drinks, as well as Sunday lunchtime for a traditional Sunday lunch.
Website: www.thebayhorseravensworth.co.uk
Tel: 01325-494437
Booking is recommended
- **Mainsgill Farm Shop and Tearoom** – located approximately 1 mile from Ravensworth on the A66 and can also be accessed on foot through the fields via Tofta.
Open 7 days a week and offers a range of meats, pastries, vegetables, ice-creams, cakes etc + breakfasts, lunches and snacks throughout the day (9:00 am to 5:00pm)
Website: www.mainsgillfarm.co.uk
Tel: 01325-718860
- **Stoneygate Farm, Shop and Café** – located approximately ½ mile from Ravensworth. Head out of village towards Richmond and it is located about ½ mile up the road, on the left.
*Open Monday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday between 9:00 am and 4:00 pm for café and a range of meats, pastries and bakery products
Café open Sundays 9:00 am for breakfast and 11:00 am to 4:00 pm for traditional Sunday lunch.
Website: www.stoneygatefarm.co.uk
Tel: 01325-897131
*Seasonal opening times may vary.