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## Welcome to the Winter Newsletter

Welcome to our latest edition of the Parish Newsletter and I want to start by saying that we are so pleased that at long last the Miners' Wheel and Monument has been moved to its new position where it once again welcomes us to the village! This has taken far too long to achieve but with the support of so many residents and our persistence, Jones Homes' has eventually 'done the right thing' and moved it. Some of you may well say 'it's not in as good a position as before' and this may be true but we think it really is the best outcome possible and our collective efforts have paid off. I want to thank all of you who helped us to make this happen.

Various events have taken place since our last newsletter, in the summer was the second and even more successful 'Picnic on the Pitch' event which we helped to organise with the Cricket Club and which attracted in excess of 2,000 visitors. There were many new attractions for people to enjoy, the weather was kind and it was a great day out for the many who attended. We know that the event did create some parking issues locally and we will be looking at how we can address this in future years.

In October we held our second 'Treeton's Hidden Heroes' event in the Reading Room. This was a great opportunity to say a big thank you to volunteers who go way above and beyond, giving freely of their time and efforts. We really do appreciate all they do to make our village a better place to live.

Following on from this was our Pumpkin Carving event held in the Community Centre which produced some great creations and was enjoyed by many of the younger generation.

On Remembrance Sunday, many residents came together to attend a service at Treeton Baptist Church and then gathered at the War Memorial to pay their respects to the men and women who gave their lives in the service of our Country. This year for the first time we placed poppies on the lampposts between the Church of St Helen's and the War Memorial. We have received some very positive comments but if you have any feedback or suggestions please get in touch.

Inside the magazine you will find information on the National Grid's plans to

build a new substation off Long Lane on green belt land neighbouring Whiston. If this development goes ahead, it will be of a size equivalent to eleven football pitches and will take up to three years to construct. The upgrade to the grid is needed to enable the transport of more clean energy from the North of England to the Midlands. We understand that planning permission is likely to be sought from RMBC early in the new year and we are working closely with Whiston Parish Council to mitigate the impact on both villages should this development be approved.

Christmas is now rapidly approaching and the festive trees will soon be going up on the lampposts which we hope you will enjoy. Also, we will again be hosting the Festival of Christmas Trees in the War Memorial Garden, whereby local businesses and individuals generously sponsor trees. Last year we received so many positive comments saying how lovely and festive they looked so we hope that this year will be as good or even better!

Also inside you will find details of the other Christmas events which are taking place within the village.

I hope you enjoy reading the Newsletter. We know there is always room for improvement so if you have any suggestions or if there are articles or contributions you wish to see included then please let us know.

Finally, and on behalf of the entire Parish Council, I would like to wish you all a very Happy Christmas.

Wendy Parker-Foers Chairperson Treeton Parish Council



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## Speeding

Following the recent concerns raised relating to speeding through the village, South Yorkshire Police arranged for the presence of a mobile speed camera positioned on High Hazel and Wood Lane in early October with the average speeds in both directions being recorded as below;

7:00am-9:00am - 27.45mph - High Hazel 4:00pm-7:00pm - 26.44mph - High Hazel 7:00am-9:00am - 33.84mph - Wood Lane 4:00pm-7:00pm - 31.54mph - Wood Lane

Whilst there have been no reported collisions/accidents on High Hazel or Wood Lane in the last 5 years, according to the South Yorkshire Injury Accident Database, we feel there is a need to improve the speed limit signage in the village. It has been requested to install more visual reminders of the 30mph speed limit through the village, including but not limited to flashing 'your speed is' signs on lamp posts and smiley face speed signs.

There have also been reports of cars appearing to race around during the night to which we would like to remind people that these instances need to be reported to South Yorkshire Police.



# TREETON YOUTH CLUB

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Under the direction of the Senior Supervisor you will be responsible for the safety, welfare and good conduct of our children during the lunch period. Previous experience is not essential but a caring, positive attitude is.

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- To supervise and assist the children in the dining hall
- To engage with the children in activities and worthwhile play
- To administer First Aid training will be provided

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E-mail: rdowle@tp.dsat.education Tel: 0114 2692677.

An application form will need to be completed, references will be taken and necessary DBS checks will be carried out.

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# Parking Problems

The Parish Council is often informed of parking problems across the village, including the blocking of pavements, parking near or on junctions and blocking the highway.

These issues should be reported either to RMBC, Land Owners or the Police, depending on the problem. If a vehicle is parked as follows, it should be reported direct to South Yorkshire Police:

- on zig zag lines
- dangerously
- in a way that would prevent emergency vehicle access

Vehicles parked as below should be reported to RMBC:

- over a dropped kerb
- on a pedestrian crossing (including the area marked by the zig-zag lines)
- in spaces reserved for Blue Badge holders, residents or motorbikes (unless entitled to do so)
- in marked taxi bays, cycle lanes or red lines
- near a school entrance, bus or tram stop

It is important that these matters are reported so that patterns can be seen, preventative measures put in place and where necessary enforcement carried out.

Full details of what should be reported and who to report it to can be found using the QR Codes below.

Please also feel free to let the Parish Council know when you have made a report, either through our Facebook Page or by emailing the Clerk. The Parish Council will then be able to follow up with the appropriate bodies on residents behalf to try and ensure that action is taken.

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RMBC Parking Problems





# Flying the Flag in Treeton

Earlier this year the Parish Council conducted a consultation on the erection of a flag pole on the War Memorial Gardens.

There was very strong support for the project:

- 96% of respondents supported the erection of a flag pole
- 93% of respondents supported the flying of the Union Flag

Following the consultation the Parish Council resolved to install a flag pole and we are delighted to share that this was put in place in November, in time for Remembrance Sunday.

The Union Flag will be flown on the flag pole, adhering to all the appropriate protocols.

To the left are some photographs taken when the flag was raised for the first time by Parish Council Chairperson, Wendy Parker-Foers.



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My daughter has been having tutoring with Jamie, she has thoroughly enjoyed it. Jamie has been brilliant with her and has been great at communicating with us. He is genuinely a nice person. Thanks Jamie.

### $\star\star\star\star\star$

Jamie is tutoring my son who is doing his GCSEs as we speak. He is hoping to achieve a higher grade and Jamie is providing him with great support and challenge. Jamie is flexible and fits in very well with our busy lives and I would whole heartedly recommend him to any parents looking for additional maths support. 🔀 JDM\_2000@OUTLOOK.COM



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## **New National Grid Substation**

### **Brinsworth to High Marnham**

The National Grid is undertaking the biggest overhaul of the electricity grid since the 1960's with the aim of achieving the Government's net zero ambitions and generating 60GW of offshore wind energy by 2030. This will involve 17 major projects up and down the country.

The Brinsworth to High Marnham project is a series of works that is part of this upgrade to ensure the grid is ready and able to transport more clean energy from the North of England to the Midlands and will involve building three new substations in Rotherham, Chesterfield and High Marnham.

The network between the existing Brinsworth substation, off West Bawtry Road, and High Marnham currently operates at 274kV which limits capacity and it is anticipated that the network between the North of England and the Midlands will need to be capable of transferring around 31GW of electricity compared to the present 11.6GW

#### The Proposal

In Rotherham, the National Grid is proposing to build and operate a new 400 kV substation to the east of Long Lane bordering Whiston and Treeton as there is insufficient space to accommodate the additional equipment at the existing Brinsworth substation although it is understood that the Brinsworth substation would remain in operation if the proposal is approved. The new substation will be an air insulated switchgear (AIS) 400 kV substation as the proposed site would have sufficient space to accommodate an AIS – which has a greater footprint than a gas insulated switchgear (GIS) substation.

The new substation, if approved, would be within a compound approximately 380 metres x 200 metres - the size of around 11 football pitches – and include approximately 12 bays, network stability equipment, standard substation plant and control infrastructure. The highest structures within the substation compound, at approximately 12 metres, would be six overhead line gantries, which are bridge-like structures with platforms used to support equipment and cabling. The site's footprint also has the potential for some future expansion if required.

#### Issue 61

Also proposed are temporary diversions of the existing Brinsworth to Thorpe Marsh and Brinsworth to Chesterfield overhead lines, with temporary pylons during construction. It is expected that these temporary diversions would be in place for less than six months. To turn the overhead line into the new substation, there will be a need to build nine new pylons and remove nine old pylons—four to the south and five to the north as can be seen on the map below. In the proposal it is expected that the site would be accessed from the west via Long Lane during both the construction phase and operation.



#### Consultation

The National Grid has consulted over these proposals and has held events locally where members of the public could have their say and speak with members of the project team. In September, members of the project team gave a presentation to the Parish Council on the proposal and we reflected similar concerns to those raised during the consultation meetings and in particular the close proximity of the development to the village and its potential impact. We also asked whether consideration had been given to other sites which would not involve building on the green belt albeit there was a clear indication that the proposed site off Long Lane is indeed the preferred option for reasons of connectivity. Common themes from the consultation events include:

- Visual impact and questions around height and size
- Flood risk
- Impact on wildlife
- Traffic management during construction
- Noise impact during construction
- Community contribution

### **Next Steps**

We understand that the feedback will be used to inform and shape these proposals and the National Grid will do the following: -

- Provide updates to the local community and to those who have asked to be kept abreast on the proposals.
- Continue to engage the local authority and meet local elected representatives.
- Prepare a Statement of Community Involvement alongside the application to show how they have considered the feedback.
- Carry out required environmental and ecological surveys at the proposed substation location.
- Continue discussions with landowners and people with an interest in land which interacts with the project.
- Following further development and finalisation of the series of works, submit a planning application to Rotherham Council.

The Parish Council has recently met with Whiston PC to discuss our concerns and the impact of the proposal on our respective communities.

We understand that the planning application will be submitted early in 2025 with an expected decision in Spring 2025.

We are committed to working collaboratively with Whiston PC and will be looking to make representation to the RMBC Planning Board to minimise the potential impact this proposed development might present during construction and in the longer term.

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### Events Group Update

In July we held our second annual Picnic on the Pitch event at Treeton Cricket & Football Club. Following feedback from last years event, efforts were made to put on more activities for Children while extending the range of stalls for all to enjoy.

The expanded event was once again very well attended, and we would like to thank everyone that came along to make the event a huge success. We would like to also thank all the stall holders and volunteers for all of the efforts, as well as Treeton Cricket and Football Club for hosting us.

We are continually looking to improve the Picnic on the Pitch, to make it an event the village can truly be proud of. Should you have any feedback or ideas you would like to contribute, please feel free to reach out to Cllr Olly Baum-Dixon or contact us via our facebook page.

October saw the return of the Treeton Hidden Heroes, where we again recognised the efforts of all those volunteers that quietly go about making Treeton a better place. This event will also be back for 2025, and we propose to extend the nominations to those people who contribute to the village through their work, even in a paid capacity, something which has previously been excluded.

We now turn to our Christmas activities, the first of which is the return of the annual Santa's Grotto, which this year will be hosted in the Reading Rooms on Sunday 15th December. As always, all children will receive a free gift from Santa and there will be some other activities to join in.

This year we have added a Carol Singing evening to our events calendar, which will take place on Sunday 22nd December on the War Memorial Gardens. Keep your eyes on our Facebook Page for full details of the Santa's Grotto and the Carol Singing.

We are always on the look out for additional volunteers to assist with events or to become part of the Events Working Group. If you are interested in helping out at individual events or with the organisation of the events calendar, please contact - ollybaumdixon@gmail.com



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## Send Us Your Memories & Photos

Starting from the Spring Issue of the Treeton Parish Newsletter, we would like to include memories and photos from across the years sent in by village residents, both present and past. Treeton as a village has a rich history, including the former Station, the Colliery, the village garden, various landmarks and houses that are no longer present, through to more recent developments and changes that have made Treeton the village it is today.

We would love to see your pictures from yester year, whether it be past events in the village, houses, shops and other landmarks or groups of friends, sports teams or clubs or event work colleagues. More importantly we want to hear the stories that go with those photos.

Our intention is to include a memories page in a future issues of the newsletter, which will include your stories and photographs. Please send your photos and stories either by Direct Message to our Facebook page or by email to ollybaumdixon@gmail.com

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### We Will Remember Them

On Remembrance Sunday members of the Parish Council attended the Remembrance Service at the Treeton Baptist Church. A very moving service was led by the Treeton Baptist Church Team and Rev. Dave Goddard, Head of Service to Eagle Eye Ministry To Ministers International.

The congregation and residents then gathered at the War Memorial for an act of Remembrance, which was led by Rev. Goddard.

The 'Last Post' was played and a two minutes silence was respectfully observed. Cllr Adair laid a wreath on behalf of the Parish Council alongside other wreaths from the community.

It was great, once again, to see so many residents gather together, in an act of remembrance, to honour those service men and women that have made the ultimate sacrifice to protect our freedoms.



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In October we welcomed our 2024 Treeton Hidden Heroes to the Reading Rooms for a celebration evening.

Our Hidden Heroes and their guests were greeted with a Prosecco Reception followed by a light buffet.

Cllr Olly Baum-Dixon then led a short presentation, with each of our Hidden Heroes receiving a memento in recognition of all their outstanding efforts.

Treeton Hidden Heroes was set up to celebrate the inspirational volunteers who go above and beyond, giving up their time for free, to make a difference to their community and those who need it the most.

On behalf of the village we would like to thank and congratulate all of our 2024 Hidden Heroes, you are all truly amazing.

On the following pages is a list of all this years Hidden Heroes, including some of the citations we received.









#### **Paul McCardle**

Paul gives his time to help as a bailiff at Treeton Dyke , he is often called out to disturbances and to empty the bins , he's even fetched the waste home in his car to dispose of it in our bin. He fixes bikes for children on the street , helps people move furniture and will do anything for anyone despite his health issues which have been getting worse . He deserves recognition for all he does for everyone.

#### **Steve Johnson**

Steve has helped to maintain the miners cart and surrounding areas at the Bole Hill entrance to the village. He has weeded and watered and cut the grass when it has been needed. His efforts help to enhance the entrance to the village and is appreciated by many villagers.

#### Nicola Hinchcliffe

Nicola is a pillar of the Treeton Community. She has a child in Treeton and helps out free of charge for every school event. Nothing is ever too much for Nicola when it comes to the children in our community and she gives up her time for fundraising for our local school, sports days, trips to the church etc. She also raises £1000s of pounds regularly for Sheffield Children's Hospital, her charity work is what makes her stand out. Treeton is a better place with Nicola in it!!!

#### **Ron Robinson**

Ron has worked ridiculously hard over the years, maintaining the church and church grounds (St Helen's). Not enough credit has been given to this particular hero. In all weather rain or shine, with a twinkle in his eye, he volunteers on the monthly litter pick. He never sticks to the 10-11am suggestion & always goes out earlier for longer to keep the village he loves tidy. Age doesn't hinder his enthusiasm for getting the job done.

#### **Angela Baggaley**

Angela was instrumental in creating the Treeton Cof E School uniform exchange service. This is a huge help to many families in the village who would otherwise struggle to or be unable to afford to fund uniform for their children. Although it may sometimes go under the radar, her help is really appreciated by many families in the village and it is worthy of recognition.

#### Rev. Dave & Stephanie Goddard

Dave and Stephanie have really made a positive impact on Treeton since they moved here. Their compassion for others is second to none and nothing is too much trouble for them. They are approachable to all their neighbours and have supported some in their times of need recently and offered prayers and words of care and support and I would like this kindness to be acknowledged within the community. It would be nice for people to be aware of how caring and approachable our local Vicar and his wife are .

#### Luke Parsonage

Luke was the Manager of Treeton Terriers Adults section. He guided the club to two finals last season and has been an integral part of providing mens football in Treeton for a number of years. He's followed in his Dad's footsteps and deserves some recognition for being an all round great young man.

#### **Elliot Hylinger**

Elliot has taken the time out of their very busy schedules to arrange a street party for the residents of Cannonthorpe Rise. The world we live in has shown a few divides recently and the street party is being organised to bring everyone together in unity and happiness . Invites were posted through doors and a menu promptly put together and a good time awaits everyone. This nomination is a thank you to him for his hard work and commitment to our neighbourhood .

### **Carole Robinson**

Carole was the person who founded the Treeton Ladies Group over 20 years ago, holding the Chair position for most of that time. She was a notable member of St Helens Church involved in many services as a Lay Reader. Along with her husband Ronnie she helped run the Trudgers walking group. She was a notable member of St Helens Church involved in many services as a Lay Reader and spent many hours over many years maintaining the spirit and the grounds of St Helen's Church in Treeton.

#### **Janet Heeley**

When Jan retired she threw herself into volunteering in this village. She became the Treasurer of Treeton Ladies group, the secretary of Treeton Community Library and Friendship Group for many years until her unforeseen death recently. She was a member of the group of Ladies who undertook the catering in the early years at the Resource centre and has been a valued asset to Treeton Baptist Church in helping them with their catering at many events. She is greatly missed.

#### Jenny Lee

Jenny has taken the time out of their very busy schedules to arrange a street party for the residents of Cannonthorpe Rise. The world we live in has shown a few divides recently and the street party is being organised to bring everyone together in unity and happiness. Invites were posted through doors and a menu promptly put together and a good time awaits everyone. This nomination is a thank you to her for her hard work and commitment to our neighbourhood.

#### Nick Kendall

Nick is the foundation that Treeton Cricket Club is built on. As Chair of the club he goes above and beyond to ensure its smooth running. From helping with gathering player availability, working on ground maintenance, applying for funding for the club, through to organising and running the clubs Bar, which has gone from strength to strength under his stewardship. Nick is also part of the Parish Council Events Group and has been heavily involved with the Picnic on the Pitch. More recently he has taken a more hands on role with Treeton Terriers to assist with the running of the club.

#### **Stanley Tyler**

Stanley rather than going in the car to treeton school would prefer to walk or use his scooter as he knows the car is bad for the environment. He also loves going around treeton litter picking.

#### **Bob Croxton**

Bob has taken time and trouble to get to the bottom of the recent changes to the bus timetable in Treeton. There were several issues with the timetables, which had not been clearly communicated, and as a result the timetables have been updated to reflect his requests and suggestions.

#### Ratna & Rosemary Thumma

Rattna and Rosemary moved into the village recently and have made the most wonderful effort to get to know their neighbours which was lovely. Rosemary is an amazing cook and shares her cooking with neighbours which has been nice as we have been able to experience different types of food. They have very quickly become an integral part of the neighbourhood and this is wholly because they took the time to go and knock on doors to introduce themselves to their neighbours, this is something we should all encourage and I wish them many happy years living in Treeton

Thank you to all of our 2024 Treeton Hidden Herces



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## Wood Lane Burial Ground

As many residents will be aware, the Wood Lane Burial Ground is owned and managed by Treeton Parish Council (the PC). The land where the Burial Ground is situated was purchased from the Duke of Norfolk by the PC in the early 1950s when the cemetery on Church Lane became full and was subsequently closed.

Since that time Treeton PC has had sole responsible for the Burial Ground's day to day maintenance with most of the funding coming from the small precept it receives annually from RMBC, which is specifically for the Parish of Treeton, and is supplemented by interment fees paid from time to time by the families of the deceased.

Over the last three years the PC has invested heavily in the management of the cemetery with expenditure going on additional day to day maintenance of the grounds including much needed tree work, a new storage compound for the management of waste and the re-paving of many of the paths all of which we think has improved the appearance of the cemetery.

We very much want this to be a place of relative beauty and calm which the families and friends of the deceased can visit to remember their loved ones.

The PC is committed to keeping the cemetery in good order and to assist with this, in November 2022, introduced 'Burial Ground Guidance and Regulations' a copy of which can be found on the Treeton Parish Council website (link below)

https://www.treetonparishcouncil.gov.uk/downloads/file/210/burial-ground-terms-and-conditions

This guidance provides comprehensive information on all aspects of the Burial Ground including fees, information about the administration of the cemetery and also what we ask of the owners and families of graves and cremated remains plots in relation to the management of their memorials.

With regard to the memorials, we understand that families may wish to commemorate their loved ones in an individualistic way which brings comfort to the families concerned but we also appreciate that what can seem appropriate to some can appear out of place to others detracting from the ambiance of the burial ground. Whilst the PC is responsible for the upkeep of the lawns, paths, hedges and trees including the turf over the burial plots, it is the clear responsibility of the grave owner or family of the deceased to maintain their individual memorials.

With this firmly in mind, overleaf is an extract from our 'Burial Ground Guidance and Regulations' which sets out what is expected in terms of the maintenance of memorials.

This guidance is not intended to be over prescriptive and largely reflects the rules which are in place in most other cemeteries both locally and across the country.

We do ask that families adhere to these rules and maintain their memorials accordingly.

If individual memorials do not currently conform to the guidance set out, we respectfully ask owners and or their families to make any necessary adjustments to ensure they do so by 31st December 2024.

We hope all owners and their families will adhere to these rules and will appreciate that the PC wants the cemetery to be visually pleasing and a place for quiet reflection where the families and friends can pay their respects to the deceased.

To this end we also want all memorials to be in keeping with their surroundings and acceptable to the majority.

We ask that all the owners of memorials respect and adhere to this guidance.

Thank you

In order to maintain the solemnity of the burial ground the addition of items placed on any grave is restricted and, in all situations, must lie within the curtilage of the grave plot. For guidance:

- Floral tributes placed on top of the grave following interment and backfilling can remain in situ for 14 days before being cleared.
- Except for those immediately following an interment, no ornamentation whatsoever is allowed outside the curtilage of the plot which is a width of 36" for a burial plot and 30" for a cremated remains plot.
- Small ornaments/tributes are permitted for a period of three months after interment or earlier if their condition deteriorates or detracts from the visual aspect of the burial ground. Any items left on graves and cremation plots are at the owners' risk.
- Any additional ornamentation beyond that after interment e.g., vases/ornamentation must be made of non-breakable material firmly anchored i.e., either fixed onto/into the plinth or sunk firmly into the ground and be no more than 12" away from the front of the headstone.
- No unauthorised trees, shrubs or flowers may be planted within the burial ground or on graves. These and any planting which interferes with the maintenance of the burial ground will be removed.
- Fresh flowers/pot plants/artificial flowers should be in good condition and removed when dead or their condition has deteriorated.
- No personal fencing/edging/kerbing of any plot is allowed.
- Where kerbs are currently approved and fitted by a monumental stonemason all ornamentation must conform to these conditions and must sit within the curtilage of the kerbs.
- All graves must be kept in a neat and tidy condition.

The Parish Council may remove any items from a grave plot, including those in existence before this review of the rules and regulations that are likely to cause risk, damage or offence to other visitors, any which have become worn and in poor condition and/or interfere with the maintenance of the burial ground.



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### **Treeton Nature Diary**

Bats are one of the world's most mysterious mammals.

They possess the power of sonar to navigate and find food in the dark. Contrary to popular belief they can see quite well, Their ability to find small holes/slits to access buildings and trees to roost and then to communicate that information to other bats is remarkable. British bats mate in early autumn, with the females having the ability to delay pregnancy until they leave hibernation in spring and their bodies are back up to weight. They then only have a single baby each year.

All British bats feed on insects from small midges to larger moths. There are 17 species of bat breeding in Britain, most being very difficult to identify even in the hand. The advent of handheld bat detectors since the mid 1980s has enabled naturalists to listen too and identify most species. There are apps with a special microphone fitted to a smartphone that will suggest which species are flying around and make sonographs to help confirm identification.

Treeton's bats have been well studied over the years. All bats have their own particular niche for feeding. The most common bat locally is Britain's smallest bat the Common Pipistrelle (shown in photo below0, often found roosting in/and flying around houses. The best place to find bats is around water, Catcliffe Flash, Treeton Dyke, Orgreave/Waverley Lakes and the River Rother are all excellent.



The first bat out most nights is the large Noctule which tends to fly high and dive bomb at its prey. Its smaller, rarer cousin, Leisler's Bat (shown in photo below), has been found in recent years feeding around the edge of lakes.



Daubenton's Bats feed almost exclusively by flying low over water and can be easily observed with a high-powered torch.

Over water, Common Pipistrelles are often outnumbered by the very similar Soprano Pipistrelle. Natterer's Bats were found to be roosting in the village a few years ago and are occasionally picked up on detectors, they have the habit of forming small swarms.

Other rarer species found in Treeton and nearby are Whiskered and Brant's Bats which can only be identified in the hand. Brown Long-eared have occasionally been recorded and have been found hibernating just outside the village, they feed mainly by picking insects from leaves in flight.

In recent years, Serotine Bats and Nathusius's Pipistrelle, which are both very rare in Northern Britain, have been found just to the south of Treeton along the Rother Valley.

Bats are highly protected species and are particularly at risk from building works when entrances to roosts can be blocked.

For more information/advice on bats, see the website of the Bat Conservation Trust.



Thank you to all of the businesses and individuals that supported and donated to this years Picnic on the Pitch.



## Update from the Cricket Club

Trustees of Treeton Cricket & Football Club parent Charity, Treeton Memorial Community Centre & Playing Fields, have been successful in securing further funding from the Football Foundation. An award of £14,270 from the Grass Pitch Maintenance fund will enable the Charity to spend a total of £30,000 over the next 6 years to achieve a high standard of playing pitches.

During the last few months, work on the main & smaller pitches has included seeding, sanding, Verti-draining & fertilisation at a total cost of £7,500.

In addition, the Charity has also recently been awarded £5,107 from the Football Foundation to purchase a £7,000 new Deep Slitter attachment for the Club's tractor. This equipment will improve aeration, soil profile & drainage to the pitches, resulting in fewer games & training sessions being cancelled due to heavy rainfall.

The Trustees were also pleased to note the recent award by the Parish Council to Nick Kendall as one of the Treeton Hidden Heroes for this year. Nick is the Manager of Treeton Cricket & Football Clubhouse, Chairman of Treeton Cricket Club, a Trustee of the parent Charity & helps with Treeton Terriers adult Football team. He is also part of the Parish Council Events Group & has been heavily involved with the Village Picnic on the Pitch event. Nick manages to successfully carry out all these roles outside his full-time job as a Computer Systems Analyst.

On a more disappointing note, there has been several instances of damage to equipment on the Children's Playground. Damage includes large pieces of newly installed protective matting being cut away & a swing having to be replaced. The Trustees ask that people should report any instances of damage being carried out by email to trustees.treetoncharity@gmail.com



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### Words from Rev. Dave Goddard

### 'The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.' John 1:5

As we draw near to Christmas 2024 my heart is full of gratitude for all the people of Treeton and its communities; who live, work, play, learn, worship, socialise, walk and drive through our village. With its beautiful little lit Christmas trees on every lamppost. What a deep sense of care, love, pride and respect to live in this wonderful little rural village of Rotherham, tucked away all on its own. Thank you, to the numerous people who work hard behind the scenes in many ways, contributing to making Treeton a beautiful, attractive, safe place and sanctuary.

We give thanks for...the lights on Christmas trees that twinkle on our roads, just like the candles flicker in our churches in this season of advent.

Like a miner's lamp gives light underground, and the strike of a match brings light.

To the torch that shines in the dark woods, and the headlamp on the biker's head coming home from work. The cat's eyes on the road, that make us safe when driving.

To the bulbs in the street light's, to the northern light's we've just experienced. We need light... we need the Sun, Moon and Stars.

We as a community need to continue to gleam, reaching out to people in a time of need.

Christmas can be a difficult time of year for many of us... the hussle and bussle of it all.

The presents, cards, finances, family, travelling, hospital visiting, your own personal health, loneliness, the loss of a loved one, family and friends with alzheimers and dementia; loved ones in care homes, work and deadlines to meet... all these things take their toll.

So go at your own pace, don't burn yourselves out or be burdened by the season,
what's not done, is not done. If they don't get a call, card or a present this year... its ok, they may get one next year! Go easy on yourselves, and rest in the moment.

2025 no doubt will come with its own trials, tests, tribulations and difficulties... but know in all you go through, that God is with you and he will illuminate your path.

The three wise men the Kings followed a light, the Bethlehem Star. Bringing gifts to Baby Jesus where he lay... of Gold, Frankincense and Myrhh. I think three wise women might have done a better job... they might have brought nappies, Baby wipes and Sudo Cream... more practical things for his mother Mary. So let us be wise as we prepare our hearts and minds for this Christmastide.

Let us remember, Jesus is the light of the world and the reason for the season.

So, my prayer for you this Christmas is for hope and healing... for the gift of knowing God's presence, even in the darkest of nights... for the knowledge of God's grace and glory, heralded by angels, to come to dwell among you, holding us all in love.'

To everyone in Treeton and the surrounding villages... have a peaceful and lovely Christmas. Make Christmas His story!

Reverend Dave Goddard Head of Service Eagle Eye Ministry To Ministers International

# **General Village Updates**

#### **Local Wildlife Sites**

Cllr Croxton is in the process of registering a number of sites in Treeton as Local Wildlife Sites. He did try to register the grasslands/lakes of the Orgreave opencast site that is not to be developed into the Waverley estate. Part of the site and river are in Treeton. Harworth Estates have objected to this because they want the area for recreation. RMBC planning seemed to have accepted this objection.

#### Land between Washfield Lane Railway footbridge and the River Rother

This is part of the Orgreave Opencast site, but was not opencast. It is owned by Harworth Estates and managed by the Land Trust. Cllr Croxton has spent a few months now trying to communicate with the Land Trust about whether they will be managing this part of the site and its footpaths. He is trying to meet with them on site but arranging a date is proving difficult. It has recently been noted that families are walking children from the Waverley Estate to School in Treeton via a path that becomes very muddy in winter. At the moment, Shaun is mowing and cutting the vegetation back on this path whilst Cllr Croxton continues with the project.

#### Access to Treeton Dyke & Woods from Wood Lane

With Jones Homes nearing completion of their estate, little has been done to deter off road vehicles from accessing the Dyke and Woods. The photo shows

where a quad bike has gone between a gap in the fence near the mine wheel. Even if the fence is reinstated it will not last long. Cllr Croxton has informed Kevin Burke now RMBC Woodlands manager of the issue. The suggestion to work with the boat club that operates on the lake was thought to be productive.



# RIVERS CHRISTMAS

### **Carol Service**

Wednesday 11th December | 2:00pm St. Andrew's, Brinsworth

### **CRAFT AFTERNOON**

Saturday 14th December | 2:00pm St Mary's, Catcliffe

### Nativity Service

Sunday 22nd December | 10:30am St. Lawrence's, Tinsley

### **Carols at the Cone**

Thursday 12th December | 7:00pm Glass Cone, Catcliffe

## **Carols By Candlelight**

Sunday 15th December | 5:00pm St Mary's, Catcliffe

## **Carols By Candlelight**

Sunday 22nd December | 6:00pm St Helen's, Treeton

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### CHRISTMAS Day Family Communion

Wednesday 25th December | 10:00am St. Lawrence, Tinsley

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# **Treeton Medical Centre**

All appointment requests, including those for GPs, Advanced Nurse Practitioners, and administrative matters like sick notes, must now be made through our online system, Anima. This is the only way to book an appointment with the practice.

We understand that waiting on the phone can be frustrating, so this new system is designed to be more convenient and efficient for you. You should have already received an email and text message with instructions on how to access Anima. If not, please check your spam folder.

To use the system, simply search for 'Anima' on Google and follow the link. Log in using your NHS app credentials. The Anima system is very easy to use and ensures your request is reviewed directly by a GP—no more waiting in phone queues. It's a faster, more confidential way to manage your healthcare needs.

Once you submit your request through Anima, you will receive a confirmation message via text or email outlining the next steps, which may include a link to book an appointment if needed.

Please note that our reception team can only assist with completing the form if you have communication difficulties, such as visual impairments or if you cannot access the internet.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation. For more information, please visit our website.

**Telephone and Face to Face appointments** – If you have a face to face appointment please arrive in time for your appointment. If you arrive late the clinician has the right to mark you as a DNA and ask you to rebook. For Telephone consultations please ensure you are available within 30mins before and after your appointment time as we cannot guarantee you will be contacted at exactly this time due to delays. We have had to remove online booking for GP's and ANP's due to inappropriate bookings which then leads to wasted appointments.

#### Did Not Attend (DNA's)

Whilst we understand things crop up which may mean you cannot attend your appointment, we would appreciate it if you could call to cancel your appointment with as much notice as possible so we can offer it to someone else who may need it.

#### Telephone Appointments

When booking a telephone appointment we cannot guarantee a set time, we are trying to advise patients it will be a morning or afternoon telephone call, however if you have access to online booking this will show as a set time – this is for surgery use only so please keep your phone handy!

#### <u>Annual Reviews – i.e Asthma, Diabetic, Medication</u>

We are changing the way we call people for their annual reviews. You will now be called in your birthday Month, but it may mean you get 2 reviews in the 1st year. These reviews are an important way of monitoring our patient's health and ensuring the correct care and advice is given. **Please ensure you book your appointment when you are invited.** 

Please Note: we do not accept prescription requests over the telephone unless you are housebound or have been given permission by the GP due to medical reasons. All requests should be made via the Rotherham Health App or if you are not able to do it this way pop your requests in our letterbox located on the right of our entrance. We require 48 hours notice to process your request.

# Community Groups

Treeton has a thriving range of community groups and activities. Please get in touch with individual organisers if you are interested in any of the groups to check dates, meeting times and to find out more.



#### <u>St Helen's Church</u>

St Helen's Church is part of the Rivers Team of churches and are offering a service at St Helen's on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 11am.

The weekly Sunday service is at St Lawrence's Church, Tinsley at 10.30am, these services are streamed on-line.

For further information or help about baptisms or weddings or to speak to a member of the clergy in confidence at the Team Office 01709 361630 or see their website for details: therivers-team.com.

#### Friends Of St Helens Church Heritage Trust

Work with the church to give practical support to the eleventh century Grade 1 listed building. New members are very welcome and annual subs are just £3pp.

Anyone wishing to join please contact Wendy Parker-Foers on 0797 3310 680.



#### **Treeton Baptist Church**

Weekly services are held at 10:45am each Sunday morning with Communion on the 1st Sunday of the month. The 2nd Sunday is usually a fun family service with 'bubble' prayers and 'children's story-time'.

The church also provides infant and child dedications (similar to Christening); believers Baptisms; weddings; wedding vow renewals and funerals. For more information please ring 0114 269 4000 or email admin@treetonbaptist.org.uk.

**Treeton Baptist 'Open Church'** – 10am to 2pm every Monday. Tea, coffee, soup etc, come along and relax, have a chat etc.

**Treeton Baptist Church Community Library & Coffee Morning** - Held every Tuesday 9:30am to 12:30pm to exchange books and jigsaws. Tea, coffee, biscuits etc

**Treeton Baptist Church Friendship Luncheon** - Usually held last Tuesday of the month from 12:30pm. Soup with a roll, homemade pudding and tea or coffee.

**Treeton Baptist Church Ladies Group -** Held 2nd Tuesday every month from April to September starts at 7:30pm, from October to March starts at 2:30pm.





#### Exercise for the over 60's

It's never too late to keep fit. Exercise classes for the over 60's or anyone with disabilities are held at Treeton Baptist Church every Thursday 2.30-3.30 p.m. The classes are led by Carole Burgin a trained 'Extend Exercise Instructor'.

Please ring Carole on 0796 907 3111 for further details.



#### Treeton Trudgers Walking Group

Meet at 10.00 a.m. at the top of Washfield Lane for all except evening walks, with packed lunch, stout shoes and waterproof clothing. Generally held on the last Saturday in each month. All walks are around 4 miles long. All welcome, transport not essential.

For further details contact Jim Cunliffe on 07867 641 405.



#### Sewing Group

For anyone interested in needle and sewing crafts there is a sewing group at the Community Centre Monday 1.00-3.30 and Tuesday 10.00-12.30

It is a friendly and informal session, you can just turn up so why not take your sewing machine, wool and needles along



#### Community Centre

Treeton Community Centre is fully open. Here are details of activities the centre is currently running:

**Monday** - Zumba (9am), Sewing Class (1:30pm-3:30pm). Youth Club (5:15pm-6:45pm) & Scouts (7pm-9pm)

Tuesday - Sewing Class (9:30am-12:30pm)

**Wednesday** - Baby Boomers (9:00am-1:00pm), Beavers & Cubs (4:45pm-8:45pm), NHS Diabetic Clinic (By appointment)

Thursday - NHS Diabetic Referrals (9:00am-11:00am & 1:00pm-2:30pm), Youth Club (5:15pm-6:45pm)

**Saturday** - Diddy Kicks (8:45am-1:00pm), Country & Western (7:00pm-11:00pm last Saturday of the month only)

Numbers may be limited to allow space for everyone to enjoy their activities safely, so please do check ahead for any activity you are interesting in attending.

Treeton Lunch Club Dates: Please look out for future dates on the Community Centre Notice Board. Booking is essential. Call Terry on 07886 520586

If you need any further information about any of these activities or to book the community centre please contact Terry Adair on 07886 520586

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# **Renting the Reading Room**

The newly refurbished Reading Rooms is available for booking.

The rental charge is a minimum of  $\pm 40.00$  which is to rent the space for up to 2 hours. The rental for up to 4 hours is  $\pm 60.00$  and should you wish to book the Reading Room for the full day we charge  $\pm 80$ . This includes use of the kitchen facilities. We will negotiate these rates for regular bookings.

We do require that you pay a key deposit of £50.00 which is refundable after use. However, this will be retained if necessary to cover any damageS or cleaning requirements.

If you require any further details or wish to make a booking, please contact our Clerk on treetonpc@aol.com or by telephone on 07868 813 547



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# Local Police Team

Our local police team are Rotherham South and while you can contact individual officers, they are not your first point of contact to report crime and significant concerns because they are out and about in Treeton and may not be able to respond immediately



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