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It might surprise you that the library is not just about books!

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*Broomhill Library*

Whether you're looking for advice, resources, or inspiration, you'll find plenty of support to help you stay well this winter. Health checks, exercise at home, talks on healthy eating with snacks to try, dementia prevention, health improvement and more, Chairobics, alongside self-help leaflets, displays and the launch of our Community Resources website. We hope you can find something beneficial to encourage you through the darker nights of winter.

Regular activities for adults, children and families restart in September. Book groups, walking groups, gardening, creative writing, shared reading, arts and crafts and more....

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or visit the library at 10 Taptonville Road, Sheffield, S10 5BR to see whats on.

### GHOST SIGN IN CROSSPOOL

Thanks to the Crosspool Forum's close collaboration with Sheffield City Council, particularly officer Mubarak Hassan and Project Manager Joy Arnott, a team of skilled artistic craftsmen, with strong local ties, is now set to begin work on preserving the iconic No.1 Peas Ghost Sign in Crosspool



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## CROSSPOOL FORUM

### OPEN MEETING

Thursday 30th October 2025 at 7:00pm

St Columba's Church, Manchester Road, Crosspool

Guest speakers - local councillors, the police and council officers, are generally on hand to listen to your concerns on local issues.

Keep your eye on the 'Spar noticeboard' & 'Crosspool News' website

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Incorporating St Columba's & Stephen Hill Church Newsletter

## THANK YOU FOR MAKING OUR SPRING FAYRE A SUCCESS!



We would like to extend a heartfelt "Thank You" to everyone who supported our recent Spring Fayre at the Scout Headquarters on Benty Lane. Thanks to your generosity and community spirit, we raised an incredible **£1,945.09**—every penny of which will go toward exciting activities and memorable experiences for the children of **36th Ranmoor Beavers, Cubs, and Scouts**.

A special shout-out goes to our brilliant **Explorer group**, who worked hard to help set up the event, and to the many **parents** who donated goods and gave their time to help run stalls on the day. Your efforts were vital to the event's success.

We are also deeply grateful to the **local community**, whose turnout and enthusiasm made the day truly special. Whether you bought a cake, tried your luck on the tombola, or just came to enjoy the fun, your support means so much.

Finally, a big "Thank You" to the **local businesses** who generously donated prizes to support our fundraising—your kindness helped us go the extra mile.

Together, we've made a real difference for our young people. Thank you!

Many thanks, Nea Maycock, 36th Ranmoor Cub Leader.

## LYDGATE JUNIOR SCHOOL TURNS 50—WITH A BIG BIRTHDAY BASH!

On a sunny July afternoon, Lydgate Junior School threw open its doors and its arms to staff, pupils, and families from across the years. The occasion? A well-deserved celebration marking 50 fabulous years of the school's main building!

Visitors wandered the halls on guided tours, swapping stories and spotting familiar corners from childhood memories. Teas, cakes, and a bit of celebratory fizz kept spirits high, while live music from the talented pupils had everyone tapping their feet. Old photos sparked smiles and "Remember when...?" moments, turning the school into a time capsule bursting with warmth and laughter.

Here's to five decades of learning, laughter, and community and to many more to come!



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## A CELEBRATION OF COMMUNITY, CREATIVITY & CONNECTION

Though the sun has set on this year's Crosspool Summer Festival, the glow of shared laughter, artistry, and local pride continues to shine.

Neighbours, families, and friends came together in joyful celebration, with each event reflecting the heart of our community.

The well dressing on Sandygate Road bloomed with tenderness, honouring the bond between humans and animals. Thanks to your generous donations, through bucket collections and "Layers Flooring", we supported Fir Vale Food Bank and The Family Work.

The Scarecrow Competition transformed gardens into playful farmyards, with the chance of winning one of three prizes prizes kindly donated by "Crosspool Chemist", "Hudsons Café", and "Crosspool Chippy". Congratulations to "Clarkson and his Cow" for capturing hearts and winning top honours!



Selborne Road Street Market buzzed with life and colour, bursting with stalls offering everything from delicious food and homemade cakes to plants, crafts, jewellery, clothing, and books. Live entertainment added to the festive atmosphere, with music from the band, "C'est la Vie", an energetic performance by "Shimmy School dancers", ear warming songs from Lydgate Infant School children, and delicious treats. Meanwhile, Den Bank's picnic and charity yard sale raised vital funds for Motor Neuron Disease research, proof that compassion and community go hand in hand.

St Columba's hosted a dazzling Art, Craft & Photography Exhibition featuring over 70 entries. Young creatives stood shoulder to shoulder with seasoned artists, showcasing the vibrant talent within our community.

Winning exhibits were proudly displayed at Cocker & Carr, from crocheted creatures to breath taking kestrel photography, each piece a testament to Crosspool's imagination and craft. Other highlights included the Folk Chorale concert, a 'Great Auk' lecture, a fashion show at Stephen Hill Church, and an inspiring talk about Little Mesters and the "Dungworth Singers" at Tipton Congregational Church.

A heartfelt thank you to Cocker & Carr Estate Agents (*Competition Prizes*), Valencia Restaurant, Green Cross Chemist (*Festival Brochure*), our Crosspool residents, and every organiser, artist, performer, volunteer, and attendee. You made this years festival a true reflection of what Crosspool stands for, connection, creativity, and community spirit.

## OPEN MEETING BULLET POINTS—THURSDAY 31ST JULY 2025

St Columba's Church; 7pm

Present; Ian Hague (Chair); Steve Reynolds (Vice Chair) (minutes); John Drinkwater (Treasurer); Nick Duggan; Sylvia Feeney. Guests; Kilvinder Vigurs Deputy Mayor of Police and Crime SYMCA; Katie Dearnley SYMCA; Cllr Minesh Parekh; Cllr Tim Huggan; PCSO Pam Thompson. Plus Crosspool residents Apologies; Cllr Ruth Milsom; Roger Kite.

Chair Ian Hague opened the meeting by welcoming attendees and introducing the top table and inviting guests. The minutes from 24th April 2025 were swiftly reviewed and approved, with no matters arising. The agenda was slightly rearranged to allow our guest speaker Kilvinder Vigurs to speak earlier, due to a prior commitment.

**Guest Speaker:-** Kilvinder Vigurs, Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime, expressed her pleasure at attending and shared that she had recently taken office on 2nd June 2025. Her first eight weeks involved visiting communities across South Yorkshire to understand their varying needs, highlighting how priorities differ widely depending on location.

With over 30 years' experience in the criminal justice system, including roles in public protection, safeguarding, organised crime, and security, Kilvinder emphasized her commitment to rehabilitation, community engagement, and reducing crime. Her priorities include: Protecting children from cybercrime: Addressing antisocial behaviour and road safety. Tackling the impact of irresponsible e-bike and scooter use, reducing shoplifting, supporting youth, who often feel unheard and building public trust in policing.

**Q&A Highlights:-** City Centre Safety? Increased police visibility and Home Office funding for hotspot areas are under consideration. Neighbourhood Policing? Efforts are underway to grow community-facing teams. Public Awareness? A South Yorkshire Police staff member urged greater visibility of ongoing initiatives. PCSO Powers, concerns were raised over limited powers and pathways to full police roles? Nearly 75% of reported issues are community rather than police matters, clear reporting channels were encouraged. Road Safety Issues across Sandygate Road, Manchester Road, Selborne Road and others were raised, including speeding, crossings, and pavement parking. Kilvinder committed to working with teams on strategic improvements. Traffic Measures, residents discussed reinstating the Park Safe campaign and the possibility of installing traffic lights at Manchester Road/Sandygate Road junction.

Kilvinder pledged to return to a future meeting with updates on progress.

Ian Hague thanked Kilvinder and Katie Dearnley for their time and wished them well

**Chairman's Report:-** Ian Hague shared local updates from the past three months.

Crosspool Ghost Sign: Preservation planning is progressing, with artist appointments underway. Spar Shop: A warm welcome was extended to the new proprietor. Carver Fields: Yorkshire Water has begun site surveys and notified nearby residents. Youth Club: Now running Tuesdays at the Scout Hut, 5–7pm. Crosspool Videos: Available via the Forum website and Jack Todhunter's YouTube—well worth a watch. Festival and Fayre: Both events were a great success. Ian thanked the festival organisers. VE Day Flags remained in place in the precinct through the festival. Car Boot Sales, Well-attended in June. The next car boot sale is Saturday 6th September 8am Tavern car park. King Edward pupils helped with planting up precinct planters; hanging baskets and planters look blooming good. Lydgate Green Volunteers' efforts are very much appreciated—thank you!

Popular Groups:- Tuesday Easy Exercise, Wednesday Tai Chi and Friday Morning Art Group are going strong. Clarion autumn edition due mid-August.

Canal Cruise, expressions of interest invited. Pie & Pea Supper set for 5th September.

The Forum welcomes new members keen to make a difference.

**Treasurer's Report:-** John Drinkwater provided a financial update for the quarter. Thanks to successful fundraising, the Forum will donate over £820 to each of two local charities, both expressed their appreciation and gratitude. With event planning workload increasing, volunteers are encouraged to step forward and support future initiatives.

**Police Liaison:-** PCSO Pam Thompson echoed earlier discussions, reporting a 36% drop in burglaries compared to last year. However, public perception remains slanted by media coverage.

Recent incidents include: - 2 burglaries- An e-bike theft- Parcel stolen from a porch.

Residents are reminded to Register e-bikes for easy recovery - Use doorbell CCTV - Report incidents via the police website - Referred to local posters on crime prevention and safety



**Councillors' Updates:-** Cllr. Minesh Parekh  
 Carver Fields: YWA is drilling nine boreholes to monitor groundwater levels. Site closures will last approx. 3-4 weeks, followed by 6-8 weeks of data collection. Site visits by project managers are planned: Tues 13<sup>th</sup> Aug, 1-3pm - Mon 19<sup>th</sup> Aug, 9.30-11.30am  
 Cllr. Tim Huggan – Bus Timetables: Changes from 31<sup>st</sup> August include permanent alterations to services 52 and 120. Updates on route 51 are pending.

**Crookes Cemetery Concerns:-** Funding options for repairing broken headstones are being explored. Security measures such as CCTV are also under review.

**The Plough Site:-** Planning is approved but development has stalled. The Council has limited leverage to accelerate progress.

**Upcoming Events & Notices**

**Car Boot Sale:** Saturday 6th September email the Forum to book a pitch. **Exercise Groups:** Easy Exercise: Tuesdays, now starts at 10am Tai Chi: Wednesdays, 10.45am.

**Hagg Cope:** Benches treated; tidy-up scheduled. **Planters:** Autumn planting with KES students upcoming. **Lydgate Green:** Looking fantastic, thanks again to volunteers!

**2026 Festival:** 26<sup>th</sup> June to 5<sup>th</sup> July.

**Next Open Meeting:** Thurs 30<sup>th</sup> October 2025.

### **Got a story to share?**

If you have any articles, local stories, or ideas you'd like to see featured in the next edition of *The Clarion*, we'd love to hear from you! Please email Ian or Steve [crosspoolforum@gmail.com](mailto:crosspoolforum@gmail.com) — your contributions help keep our community connected and inspired.



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## CROSSPOOL SUMMER FAYRE



As the heatwave rolled on, the 2025 Crosspool Summer Fayre basked in glorious sunshine from start to finish. The field at CDYST was a hive of activity early on, with organisers, local business's, charities, and volunteer groups rallying together to prepare for an afternoon of community cheer.

By 1pm, the gates opened to a joyful crowd ready for fun and laughter. Traditional favourites like Archery, Splat the Rat and Wet sponge were brought out of storage, The peoples' aim, on the ever popular coconut shy, must have improved since last year, for after just a short while all had gone. The Tin Can Alley buzzed non-stop, thanks to Laura, tirelessly restacking tins that barely stayed up, and Jane and Molly spent the afternoon retrieving ball after ball out of buckets and dodging the wet sponges.

Children queued eagerly for the shaded bouncy castle, finding brief respite from the heat, while mesmerising illusions from magician Keith had little ones wide-eyed and parents equally amazed. Music from the fabulous "Cobalt Tales" provided the perfect summer harmony.

A special mention goes to the Crosspool WI team, whose relay-style service of cream teas kept refreshments flowing and spirits high throughout the entertainment. We're grateful to CDYST for generously hosting the hall and field, and to the stall helpers whose good humour added to the day's friendly atmosphere.



Our thanks also to "Valleyside Garden Centre" and the local "Spar" for their continued support, your contributions help make the Fayre flourish year after year.

A warm thank you to nearby residents for their patience with parking and extra traffic. And most of all, sincere thanks to all who made the Fayre a success, whether behind the scenes or front and centre, who played a part in bringing the community together.

The event organisers are now looking ahead to next year, inviting fresh ideas and new volunteers. Interested in joining the team or sharing a suggestion? Do get in touch! Email:- [crosspoolforum@gmail.com](mailto:crosspoolforum@gmail.com)



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## PASSING OF A FOOTBALL TRAILBLAZER

A somber moment as we reflect on the passing of Uriah Rennie, a true pioneer in football and a cherished figure at Hallam FC. His contributions to the sport and his commitment to fostering inclusivity will be remembered with deep respect.

Uriah Rennie made a lasting impact on Hallam FC, both as a trailblazer in football and a dedicated supporter of the club. He became Honorary President of Hallam FC in 2010, coinciding with the club's 150th anniversary. His leadership and guidance were deeply valued at Sandygate, where his presence and counsel helped shape the club's direction.

Beyond Hallam FC, Rennie was a pioneer in English football, famously serving as the first Black referee in the Premier League, officiating over 300 matches. His influence extended into grassroots football, where he championed inclusion and community engagement.

His contributions to Hallam FC and the wider football community will be sorely missed, but his legacy as a leader, mentor, and advocate for diversity in sport will continue to inspire future generations.



**Uriah Rennie**

## Soup and Roll Club Celebrates 25th Anniversary



On Friday, 1st September 2000, the Soup and Roll Club opened its doors at Tapton Hill Congregational Church, sparking a warm tradition of fellowship, nourishment, and community spirit that continues to thrive.

It began as an idea of the then Minister Colin Jones and six helpers. He simply wanted to serve soup once a month and the format has pretty much stayed the same with the addition of cake and entertainment.

Sheila Lomas is the only one still involved and she welcomes everyone with a smile. She is joined by Andrea Birch who runs the kitchen and Darryl Lomas who serves the tables.



To celebrate the Club had a special afternoon tea and 60s music by Tony Hughes. Thank you to Sheila and all who have helped at Soup and Roll over the years and all the folk who attend. Soup and Roll takes place on the first Friday of the month at 12noon.

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## CROSSPOOL MEMORY CAFÉ, MONTHLY ON WEDNESDAYS FROM 2-4PM, DATES BELOW



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In addition to our normal 10.30 morning service, on  
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Since we started to meet over two years ago, we've grown into a relaxed and friendly group. We always have time to chat and talk about our concerns and quite often we can help and reassure each other, too. Most of us live locally and we're often joined by carers from other parts of Sheffield.

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The Club is open to all over seventies. It is partially funded by the Sheffield City Council and meets every Wednesday at Stephen Hill Methodist Church. Lunch is served at 12.30pm and is usually finished between 1.30 and 1.45 pm. Come and join us in the Oxford Hall for a main meal and a pudding followed by a cup of tea for £5.00. Here is an opportunity for you to come and meet others in a friendly environment. We do have 2/3 weeks off around Christmas to give our cooks, helpers and washers-up a

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We are very grateful for the team of helpers who regularly cook, set and clear tables and wash up. Their reliability, good humour and hard work make providing lunches a pleasure. Their meals are pretty good too! We always have room for more helpers if you can spare the time. We provide transport for those who are less mobile but at the moment we do not have any spare places available. For more information contact Kath Smith 0114 2667089.

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On Wednesday 13 August, their partners Ward & Burke began carrying out ground investigation work on Carver Fields to see if this area would be suitable for one of their underground solutions. These tests will help them



- Understand ground water levels and pressures on the site.
- Identify whether or not the site is suitable for their proposed underground plans

The work involves closing specific areas of the field for around 3-4 weeks to drill nine boreholes, each around 20cm wide in different parts of the site. Once complete the holes will be covered and the team will return to carry out weekly visits to monitor the ground water conditions for around 6-8 weeks. Once this monitoring is complete the covers will be removed and the holes will be safely backfilled.

Normal working hours will be Monday to Friday from 8am - 5pm on occasion they may need to work a little later, however we will always try to inform you in advance of any out of hours working.

They won't need access into your home as part of this work, please remember to always ask for identification before letting anyone into your home.

The aim? To improve river health by reducing the use of storm overflows, making a cleaner, greener Crosspool for generations to come.

Questions or curious? Pop by during site hours or call 03448 481 099 (quote: Capital YW,205212). More info available at [Yorkshire Water] (<https://www.yorkshirewater.com>).

Let's keep an eye on this positive development for our fields and streams!

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We would like to say a huge thank you to all those who have supported us recently.

We held our Annual General Meeting in May, which was well attended, and we were pleased to be supported by local councillor Ruth Milsom, among others. We were delighted to see many of you at the Car Boot Sale, organised by the Crosspool Forum, and at the Crosspool Summer Fayre. Thank you to all who visited our stall; we are grateful for your help and generosity. Our thanks also go to the Crosspool Litter Pickers. They now donate all their aluminium to us, which we can recycle for cash. It all helps!

If you are interested in volunteering with us, or making a donation, or if you know of someone who might need our services, please get in touch! Email: [careincrosspool@gmail.com](mailto:careincrosspool@gmail.com), or phone: 0114 2670045.

## CROSSPOOL WI



Thanks to everyone who supported us during the Crosspool Festival - either at the Fashion Show or visiting us at our refreshment stall at the Crosspool Summer Fayre. Liz and Leonie demonstrated Crochet and Weaving at the Arts and Crafts session. All together we donated over £320 to the Festival Charities.

Have you ever thought of joining the WI? Crosspool WI meets twice a month; our evening meetings are on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday (7-9pm) at St Columba's Church and our afternoon meetings are on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday (1-3pm) at Stephen Hill Church. You are welcome to come as a visitor for any one of our meetings.

If you would like to join in October you can have a taste of WI for just £25.50 for 6 months until March 2026.

Whether you are an existing or returning member or maybe someone just thinking of joining the WI there will be plenty of opportunity to make friends, learn new skills and get involved in the local community, listen to interesting speakers, enjoy outings and different activities. Our groups include, book club, lunch and dinner clubs, Purlly Queens (knit one purl one chat 2) and our walking group.

**Leonie, Pat and Sue – models at model show**



**Leonie and Liz – Arts and Craft Demonstration**



For more information check us out on [facebook.com/CrosspoolWI](https://www.facebook.com/CrosspoolWI) Alternatively email our Secretary Judy on [wicrosspool@gmail.com](mailto:wicrosspool@gmail.com). We look forward to welcoming you.....

## Help Shape Crosspool's Future – Join the Forum Committee

The Crosspool Forum is inviting new members to join its committee, a friendly group of volunteers working together to support local initiatives, events, and improvements across our neighbourhood.

Whether you're passionate about community wellbeing, local heritage, sustainability, or simply want to lend a hand, we'd love to hear from you.

Why get involved? Contribute to projects that make a real difference. Help organise events that bring people together. Share ideas and represent local voices. Be part of a team that cares deeply about Crosspool's future. No previous experience needed, just enthusiasm and a bit of time. Meetings are informal and inclusive, and we welcome fresh perspectives.

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Determined to give back, the couple are undertaking 12 challenges in 12 months, with all proceeds going directly to support life-changing research and care. Their journey has already seen them complete the Hull 10k and conquer the summit of Ben Nevis.

Next up, Jo and Scott will join fellow members of "Steel City Martial Arts" for the Sheffield 10k in September. In a light-hearted twist, Scott plans to run the race with a fridge strapped to his back in a bold move to raise awareness and spark smiles along the route.

"After everything I went through, it feels great to be able to give back," said Jo. "We're so grateful for the support we received, and we want to help others going through the same thing."

The Grahams have more events planned throughout the year, each one a step toward supporting Breast Cancer Now's mission to ensure that by 2050, everyone diagnosed with breast cancer will live and be supported to live well.



### Scan to support!

The QR code will take you straight to Jo and Scott's "Just Giving" page, ideal for anyone who'd like to make a donation or show their support. If you're free on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September, why not come down and cheer them on during the Sheffield 10k? Your encouragement from the sidelines would mean the world and make the day even more unforgettable!

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Sheffield City Council have organised a youth club in Crosspool, which is meeting at the Scout Hut (Hall) on Benty Lane every Tuesday from 5-7pm.

This follows the launch of a weekly youth club in Crookes' Wesley Hall, meeting on Wednesdays. The new Crosspool youth club is in addition to the Crookes youth provision.

The youth club is free and open to all young people aged between 12 and 17 years old. Activities are decided co-created with the attendees, but there are currently a PlayStation 5, boardgames, arts and craft activities, as well as free refreshments and food. The youth club will also offer free trips in holiday time.



Crookes and Crosspool Councillor Minesh Parekh said: "I'm really pleased that the council now has a second weekly youth club meeting in the Crookes and Crosspool ward.

"These services are so important for our young people, and I'm glad that the council has been able to start rebuilding these service following national government cuts."

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