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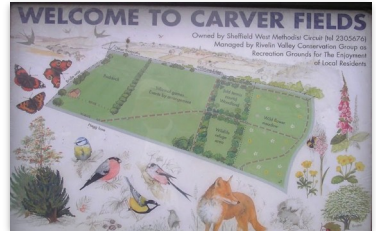


## CARVER FIELDS – COMMUNITY UPDATE

Yorkshire Water have confirmed they will proceed with installing a large underground water-storage tank on part of Carver Fields, using statutory powers under the Utilities Act. The project is expected to take around 18 months and will involve construction access, excavation, installation, and reinstatement of the land. Some disruption and restricted access are likely.

Enquiries should go through Yorkshire Water's customer line on 0344 848 1099, quoting YW.205212. Residents are encouraged to keep a record of any communication and let the Methodist Church in Sheffield know so they can maintain a coordinated overview of community concerns. Tel: 0114 272 6561 / 0114 299 7130  
[www.sheffieldcircuit.org.uk](http://www.sheffieldcircuit.org.uk)

Despite the constraints, activity on the site can now move ahead. We are pleased to confirm a new partnership with Food Works, who will begin using the top paddock for growing and community activity. Their approach focuses on affordable, nature-friendly food, environmental improvement, and hands-on involvement for residents, schools, and local groups. Access to the site will remain open and encouraged.



The partnership will develop in phases:

Phase 1: Building relationships and engagement, starting with an open picnic in May to meet the team and shape ideas together.

Phase 2: Early visible activity, including initial growing beds and small seasonal projects.

Phase 3: Longer-term development of the site, planned alongside the Yorkshire Water works, leading to a sustainable model of growing and community use.

Carver Fields still holds significant potential. The Food Works partnership provides a positive starting point, bringing immediate activity and a clear direction. Over time, this can grow into wider community events, volunteering, and improvements to access, paths, fencing, and tree care.

Their aim is to ensure Carver Fields remains an active, safe, welcoming space shaped by the needs and ideas of local people. Further updates will follow as work progresses.

In response to growing church members and community interest in enhancing the local environment, the Crosspool Forum has been successful in securing Sheffield City Council LAC funding to help improve Calver Fields. *Continued on page 2*



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## CROSSPOOL FORUM

### OPEN MEETING

Thursday 30th July 2026 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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### **In This Issue**

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The No.1 Pea's sign has been saved for the future, thanks to support from Sheffield City Council's LAC and the combined efforts of many hands. Project Manager Joy Arnott, Steve Reynolds (Forum vice chairman) and Lisa Calder of Manchester Road, who first raised the alarm, were all instrumental in setting the preservation work in motion. Sign writer; Joe Harrison and artists Liah Edwards and Joel Barton added their expertise and care to the restoration, ensuring the sign's character and history were respectfully protected. On Friday afternoon 20th March Ian Hague (Forum Chairman) joined with them and our local councillors Tim Huggin, Ruth Milson, Minesh Pinack Mubarick and MP Olivia Blake to admire and appreciate the craftsmanship behind this much-loved local landmark and to capture a few memorable photographs to mark the occasion.



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With this support we are looking to install two new picnic tables around the edge of the field, creating a welcoming spot for residents to meet, relax, and enjoy the space. The bench tables will sit on a recycled plastic Anchor sleeper-style base.

This grant helps continue protecting the natural character of Calver Fields while making it an even better place for the Church members and the community.

### CROSSPOOL PROBUS CLUB

[www.crosspoolprobus.co.uk](http://www.crosspoolprobus.co.uk)



Crosspool Probus is an active social club providing a wide range of guest speakers and outings in a friendly atmosphere for retired and older gentlemen

**We meet at 10am every Thursday at Tupton Hall**

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(secretary)  
Tele: 0114 4182395**

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## A REFLECTION ON TOM GRAY AND HIS SHEFFIELD POEMS

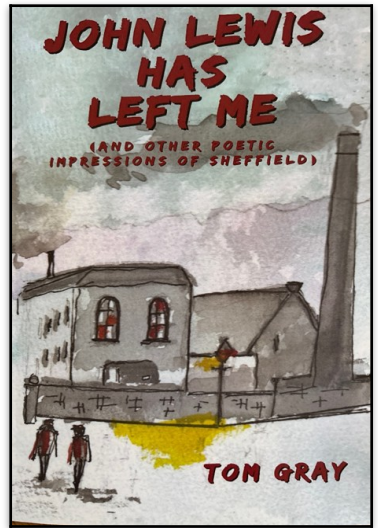
There is a quiet hope among Tom Gray's family that he would have smiled at the way his poems have been gathered and shared. Sheffield was the landscape of Tom's life, its streets, its humour, its grit and generosity, and it remained his anchor until his life was sadly cut short by cancer 2 years ago at the age of 62.

These poems are steeped in that sense of place. They carry affection for the city and its people, even when sparked by a moment of exasperation. Some pieces simply exist to raise a laugh; others linger a little longer, offering a glimpse of how Tom saw the world around him.

The collection is titled "John Lewis Has Left Me" (and Other Poetic Impressions of Sheffield), a name that captures both his wit and his way of noticing the small shifts in everyday life.

The book costs just £10, (*postage available if needed*), every penny will be donated to "Weston Park Cancer Charity" in Tom's memory.

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## FEEDING GARDEN BIRDS IN SUMMER STILL MAKES A REAL DIFFERENCE

With adults busy raising chicks and natural food drying up in hot spells, a mix of sunflower hearts, soft fruits and mealworms helps them through the season. Skip fat balls in warm weather, keep water dishes topped up, and give feeders a regular clean. Even a small "wild corner" of long grass or seed heads provides extra shelter and natural food for our local birds.





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## OPEN MEETING-SUMMARY-THURSDAY 30TH APRIL 2026

Chair: Ian Hague, Vice Chair: Steve Reynolds, Treasurer: John Drinkwater, Minutes: Carol Hanson.

**Guests:-** Cllrs: Ruth Milson and Minesh Parekh. PCSO: Pam Thompson plus three Colleagues  
Cath Jackson (*Asst. Head of KES*) Andy Metcalfe (*First Bus Fleet Manager uk*)

**Apologies** – Linda Gooden (*Head of KES*); Roger Kite.

Ian welcomed everyone to the meeting. The minutes of last meeting declared a true record.

**Chair Report:-** The wooden stile at Coppice Lane and Calver Fields has been badly damaged. It does not appear to be due to rotten wood, but more likely as vandalism or bikers using the track. For more information contact Sheffield Council Public Right of Way 01142 734 567, or email: [PROW@sheffield.gov.uk](mailto:PROW@sheffield.gov.uk) (useful if you want to send photos) to check for any planned maintenance etc. Also reporting to police online via "report a crime" service or call 101. You can also report anonymously by using Crimestoppers online or phone 0800 555 111.

SCC has agreed to capture data about offroad bike/quad/surron use and this will be sent to SYP analyst to help the rural crime team to piece together where these crimes are taking place and where to best allocate resources. If you witness any offroad bike incidents please complete form: <https://arc.is/1Wb0q85>.

Moving the 51 bus stop from Carver Street to Rockingham Street has made access to the city centre more difficult especially for people with mobility issues. Hoping something can be done in the near future.

Local residents are struggling to understand the basis on which the Inspector has reached this latest conclusion.

The recent Appeal Decision issued by Inspector D. A. Hainsworth for 496 Manchester Road has granted Lawful Development Certificate, allowing the owner to retain the newly installed flush bay windows, French doors, and Juliet balcony on the front elevation. This outcome appears to conflict with the earlier decision of Inspector C. Walker, who dismissed the appeal in February 2025 and required reinstatement of the original bay windows, a position that subsequently guided discussions with the owner, contractors, and Council officers. Clarification is therefore needed to understand the reasoning behind the latest decision and its implications for consistency in planning enforcement.

**The No.1 Peas sign appreciation.** *See Page 2*

**Crosspool Calendar 2027.** This will be in the same format as last year. If you would like one of your photos to be included, please let us have them, but not too many snowy ones.

**Lydgate Green.** Steve and the crew are working hard to maintain it and are doing a fantastic job. Yorkshire Water has now brought the supply to the site but we are still waiting for the Parks Dept to provide the tap and secure housing.

**Planters in the Precinct.** Still waiting for SCC to deliver replacement planter to outside the Tavern. As previously, KES pupils will help with the planting for the summer as well as the hanging baskets which provide lovely colour. A big thank you to everyone who helps with the watering rota.

**Scout Hall:** Good news, the Wellbeing admin hiccup is now behind us and Easy Exercise class has settled into a routine with a regular instructor. The focus being seated dancing with a little background singing along. We are now welcoming almost 30 people each week. Tai Chi is as popular as ever with more than 20 participants. The Art Class is booming too with around a dozen people. Our new eight folding chairs have proved invaluable as the hall is more active.

**Scarecrow competition.** *See Back Page.*

Precinct footfall. Meetings have been had with local council officer to explore ideas to increase footfall. Suggestions from all are very welcome.

**Crosspool Canopy.** Concerned about its condition, the new owner of Crosspool Social café has refreshed the entrance canopy with a new coat of paint. We've heard nothing more about that businesses may be eligible for the council's Low Carbon Grants, released periodically.

**Same Hill Farm** – No update as yet regarding the farm owner's appeal against the council's refusal of a planning application to extend onto green belt land.

**Clough Fields** - The public right of way should continue to be recognised as a dedicated foot-path. Still awaiting an update from MP Olivia Blake.

**Calver Fields.** *See front page.*

Congratulations Steph and Ciarán on the birth of your baby girl.

Crosspool Forum is gearing up for a boot sale at the Tavern on Saturday 6th June. £6 per pitch. Preparations for the Summer Fayre are in progress (Sat 4th July) CDYST Coldwell Lane, as is the Summer Festival (starts Friday 26th June) with the Well Dressing on Selborne Road/Watt Lane.

Volunteers needed to assist setting up stalls and to help keep things running smoothly on the day. Open gardens are on 27th June.

**Financial report** -Treasurer had nothing major to report. Donations, anon - £100 for gardens, precinct planters/baskets, Lydgate Green etc. plus £200 for defibrillator maintenance.

The Crosspool Forum, especially Steve works hard to keep the community active and connected. Although we have plenty of willing volunteers, new committee members are needed. Please contact us if you can help in anyway.

**South Yorkshire Police** – Since January there have been 3 thefts from vehicles, 2 residential burglaries and 5 outbuilding burglaries.. Just a reminder to keep door and windows locked and report anything suspicious. Antisocial behaviour in the area in the form of egg throwing and harrasment on the street should also be reported.

Concerns were raised about school children misbehaving on buses and in the streets at school-leaving time. The assistant head explained that she, or another member of staff, is at the Crosspool bus stop most days to support orderly boarding even if it means her getting on the bus with them.

There are only four PCSOs covering ten schools, which makes street-level monitoring challenging, but the issue will be looked into.

**Assistant Head of KES.** acknowledges it is a very busy area for children and adults between the two schools. The pupils are encouraged to recognise good behaviour. They are involved in litter picking etc. KES dates from 1604 and is now a diverse school with safeguarding for pupils against all forms of abuse. There are 1727 pupils in total with 750 based at Darwin Lane. The pupils are involved in various activities regarding climate change eg. recycling and clothes swaps. There are also going to be swift boxes installed around the school grounds.

**Cllr Ruth Milson-** Yorkshire Water is finally doing something about the pollution at Rivelin and a clear map has been requested regarding the works on Carver Fields, regarding rights of way and construction traffic.

**Andy Metcalfe,** First Bus – the 51 route has been used to test out the new electric buses due to be commissioned. This bus route has been the test route for all buses since the 1970s . They have received funding for approx 200 vehicles. Olive Grove bus depot will have 300 charging points.

Thank you and appreciation to Forum and helpers.

No other business., meeting closed 9pm.

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## FAMILY THAT GAVE A LANE ITS NAME - Part 2

Part one (in last issue) concluded with the observation that the Marsh family once owned land adjoining Lydgate Hall. It is possible, though unproven, that this land was farmed by the occupier of nearby Delf House Farm, as the deeds for both properties appear together among the Marsh family's miscellaneous papers. These documents, which also cover the history of Marsh Brothers & Co. and its many (including overseas) outlets, were deposited some years ago in the Sheffield Libraries Archives at Shoreham Street for safekeeping and research.

Two major family and company milestones are reflected in these deeds.

First, the founding of Marsh Brothers in 1810, when the family partnership began, a partnership that lasted 97 years, with natural changes in membership over time.

Second, the transition in 1910 to a limited company.

Another significant date was 1930, when Harry Parker Marsh, head of Marsh Brothers & Co. Ltd, died, some 73 years after the family had left Lydgate Hall.

After the Marsh family moved out, the hall saw several occupants before its demolition in the early 1930s to make way for new housing. The most colourful of these was Horatio Bright, an eccentric Sheffield businessman who amassed a fortune worth several million pounds in today's values. His long, handwritten will, allegedly contested, offers a glimpse into his unusual mind. Horatio died at Lydgate Hall on 3rd February 1906, and, at his own request, was taken to the family mausoleum at Moscar on an old farm goat cart, hidden beneath a pile of timber.

Returning to the Marsh family, one curious detail remains unexplained: why John and Jean Marsh chose a Greek name, Theophilus, meaning "friend of God", for their son born in 1827, when all his siblings (John, Anne, Emily, Margaret) were given traditional English names.



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It's a gentle, informal art session with no tuition and no pressure, just a chance to enjoy drawing, painting, experimenting, and chatting alongside a lovely bunch of people. Whether you're a complete beginner, someone returning to art after years away, or a regular with a sketchbook always on the go, you'll be made very welcome.

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## CROSSPOOL CARERS CAFÉ- A WARM WELCOME TO CARERS!

We meet on the third Monday of the month around 10.30 am at Stephen Hill Methodist Church where we are made very welcome with coffee and biscuits. If you are looking after a friend or family member with any illness or disability you can join us whether you call yourself a carer or not. 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. Please come and join us and if you know someone- a friend or neighbour- who is a carer or former carer, bring them too. For more information, contact Jan Outram [jan@sheffieldcarerscentre.org.uk](mailto:jan@sheffieldcarerscentre.org.uk) tel: 0114 278 8942 or Briony Broome [briony.broome@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:briony.broome@hotmail.co.uk) mobile :07801 532 954

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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 well-deserved break.

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## WHAT TO DO IF SOMEONE COLLAPSES

### What to Do if Someone Collapses and Stops Breathing

In emergency situations, every second counts. If a person collapses and stops breathing, immediate first aid is crucial to save their life. Begin by ensuring the scene is safe for both you and the victim; look for hazards such as traffic, fire, or electrical wires. Once safe, check the person's responsiveness by tapping their shoulders and calling out.

If there is no response and the person shows no normal breathing, call emergency services immediately (dial 999 in the UK) or instruct someone nearby to do so while you stay with the victim. Proceed to hands-only cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), which involves chest compressions without rescue breaths for adults. Position the person on their back on a firm surface, kneel beside them, place the heel of one hand at the center of the chest with the other hand on top, interlocking fingers. Use your body weight to compress the chest about two inches deep at a rate of 100–120 compressions per minute, maintaining a steady rhythm such as to the beat of "Stayin' Alive." Allow the chest to fully recoil between compressions.

If an automated external defibrillator (AED) is available, switch it on immediately and follow the voice prompts while continuing compressions. Rotation with another bystander every two minutes helps maintain the effectiveness of chest compressions until professional help arrives. If the person regains breathing or shows signs of life, place them in the recovery position to keep the airway clear.

Hands-only CPR is easy, safe, and can significantly increase survival chances. Preparation through certified CPR courses, familiarity with AED use, and remaining calm during the crisis empowers bystanders to act decisively, turning a potentially fatal collapse into a survivable emergency. Remember, swift action in those critical first moments can save a life.

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**Watering wisely:** With warmer temperatures, plants will need regular watering, especially in the early morning or late evening to reduce evaporation.

**Weeding:** Keep on top of pesky weeds that compete with your plants for nutrients and water.

**Deadheading and pruning:** Encourage more blooms by snipping off spent flowers and trimming back unruly growth.

**Feeding plants:** Give your plants a boost with fertiliser to help them thrive during the growing season.

**Pest control:** Keep an eye out for slugs, aphids, and other pests that might try to feast on your plants.

**Lawn care:** Mow the lawn regularly, but avoid cutting it too short in hot weather to prevent scorching.

**Harvesting:** Pick ripe fruits and vegetables to enjoy at their best.

**Planting for autumn:** Get a head start on your autumn garden by planting late-season flowers and crops.

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## Bell Hagge Green *Crosspool Hidden History*

Carver Fields and the surrounding area have been in continuous use far longer than previously assumed. Historically known as Bell Hagge Green or Hagg Green, the area likely dates back to Medieval times, even though it never gained formal hamlet status. Evidence suggests agricultural activity, a pre-enclosure track, and the establishment of Bell Hagge Farm no later than the Elizabethan period. A smithy, possibly linked to cutlery or quarrying, adds weight to this early use.

The names Bell Hagg and Den Bank may be even older, potentially pre-Conquest, though the term Den Bank seems to emerge just before Harrison's 1637 survey. Over time, shifting boundaries and changing land use meant older names faded, eventually replaced by Crosspool, whose identity expanded westward during the 20th-century housing developments.

By the early-mid 1900s, the original settlement had effectively disappeared, surviving only through scattered documentary and physical traces. Yet these fragments allow Bell Hagge Green to be placed back into its historical context. As Carver Fields gradually returns to meadow, it feels fitting that its long, layered past is being rediscovered and that the name Bell Hagge Green might once again be recognised for the community it represented for centuries.

If you'd like to delve deeper into Crosspool's hidden history, Dan Eton's book "Observations on a Thousand Years of Change on Carver Fields, Den Bank & the Bell Hagg Plantation — Bell Hagge Green" is now available.

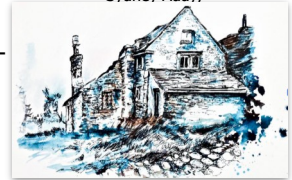
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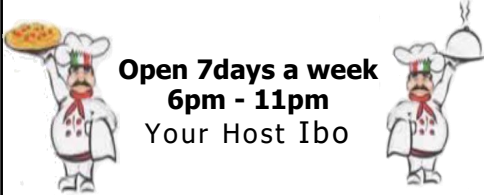
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