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KEEPING CROSSPOOL BLOOMING THROUGH THE DROUGHT



This summer tested Crosspool's community planting schemes like never before. Weeks of exceptionally high temperatures and very little rainfall left gardens, planters and green spaces under immense pressure. Yet, despite the challenging conditions, our dedicated volunteers rose to the occasion, ensuring that the Precinct remained a colourful and welcoming focal point for residents and visitors alike.

Throughout the summer, volunteers could be seen out most days watering the Precinct's planters and hanging baskets, often carrying out this essential task early in the morning or later in the evening to give the plants the best chance of thriving. Their commitment and perseverance paid off, helping to maintain the vibrant floral displays that have become such a valued feature of Crosspool.

Many people passing through the Precinct regularly stop to admire the colourful displays, often commenting on how attractive, cheerful and welcoming the area looks. These comments are a reminder that a well-cared-for environment makes a real difference to community pride and to the impression visitors take away with them. The flowers do not simply appear by magic; they are the result of countless hours of effort from volunteers working behind the scenes and the generosity of local businesses that provide access to water when it is needed most.

The prolonged dry spell also took a heavy toll on Lydgate Green. Despite careful management, several plants and a number of long-established shrubs struggled to survive the drought conditions. For a green space that has been nurtured over many years, this was disappointing to see. However, once again, the determination of local volunteers helped minimise the damage.

A small but dedicated team continued to care for the beds each week, removing weeds, tending vulnerable plants and doing all they could to preserve the appearance of the Green. Particular thanks are due to one local household that kindly provided water throughout the summer, making a significant contribution to protecting this important community asset. Their support, together with the efforts of the volunteer team, helped save many plants that might otherwise have been lost.

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CROSSPOOL FORUM

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OPEN MEETING

Thursday 28th January 2027 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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The experience has once again highlighted the importance of securing a permanent water supply for Lydgate Green. We remain hopeful that, before the next period of drought arrives, the long-awaited connection of the Green's water tap to the mains supply will finally become a reality. Such an investment would make it much easier for volunteers to care for the site and would help safeguard the flowers, shrubs and planting schemes that so many local people enjoy.

As always, we are keen to welcome new volunteers. Whether you can spare an hour a week, help with watering during dry spells, or assist with occasional planting and maintenance, every contribution makes a difference. Community projects such as the Precinct planters and Lydgate Green flourish because local people are willing to give their time and energy for the benefit of everyone.

If you would like to help with keeping Crosspool blooming or any of our events and activities, please get in touch with the Crosspool Forum team. New faces are always welcome, and no specialist experience is required.

After all, as the old saying goes: "Many hands make light work."

KING EDWARD VII SCHOOL TRANSITION

As King Edward VII School marks a significant moment of transition, we send our warmest wishes to both an outstanding retiring Headteacher and her successor.

We wish Linda Gooden every happiness in her retirement and thank her for her exceptional service to King Edward VII School.



Linda Gooden

Appointed in 2016 as the School's ninth Headteacher, Linda led a period of remarkable transformation. Under her leadership, the School strengthened the quality of its educational provision, broadened the extensive range of extracurricular opportunities available to students, and championed the values of inclusion, equity and diversity. Her vision, dedication and commitment have left a lasting legacy that will continue to benefit the school community for many years to come.

At the same time, we extend our congratulations to Louisa Warde on her appointment as Headteacher of King Edward VII School. Having served the School in a variety of teaching and leadership roles over many years, she brings a wealth of experience, a deep understanding of the School community, and a strong commitment to student wellbeing. We wish her every success as she leads King Edward VII School into its next exciting chapter.

A LEGACY OF SERVICE, COMPASSION AND COMMUNITY

As the churches of Crosspool say farewell to Rev. Suzanne Nockels as Minister of Tapton Hill Congregational Church, many people may, in time, see even more of her in her new and expanding role as a Chaplain within the Sheffield Teaching Hospitals.

Suzanne has served Tapton and the Crosspool community for twelve years. When she first arrived, her role was divided between a national appointment and ministry responsibilities at both Tapton Hill and Hillsborough Tabernacle Churches, making for an exceptionally busy start. Moving from the rural surroundings of Market Harborough to life in a large city brought its own challenges, not least learning to appreciate Sheffield's unique sense of humour.



Rev. Suzanne Nockels

As her focus increasingly centred on the two Sheffield churches, Suzanne became a familiar and enthusiastic presence in Crosspool life. Any spare time was readily devoted to community activities, particularly the Crosspool Festival and the annual Blessing of the Well Dressing, which became one of her favourite local traditions. She played a leading role in organising Festival events, talks, Lego activities, and last year's memorable choir evening led by internationally renowned folk musician Jon Boden.

During the Covid pandemic, Suzanne felt called to serve as an honorary Chaplain at the Northern General Hospital. Dressed in protective equipment that often resembled a space suit, she supported patients during some of the most difficult days of the crisis. That experience led to a chaplaincy role at Sheffield Children's Hospital alongside her ministry at Tapton, and ultimately to chaplaincy becoming her full-time vocation.

Throughout her time in Crosspool, Suzanne has been an infectious people person: warm, approachable, and always ready with a smile and a kind word. She has a remarkable gift for listening and empathising with whoever is in front of her, making each person feel valued and heard. Given her earlier experience as a Chaplain at Glastonbury Festival, she has encountered more than her fair share of colourful and fascinating characters along the way.

Suzanne leaves behind many friends and a legacy of service, compassion, and community spirit. While she will be greatly missed at Tapton Hill Congregational Church, Crosspool can take pride in knowing that her gifts and dedication will continue to touch the lives of countless people across Sheffield.



OPEN MEETING-AGM SUMMARY—THURSDAY 29TH OCTOBER 2026

CHAIR Ian Hague, VICE CHAIR Steve Reynolds, MINUTES Carol Hanson
Councillors Ruth Milsom, Tim Huggan and Minesh Parekh APOLOGIES Police & Nick Duggan

Ian welcomed everyone and read out his **Annual Report**.
The past year has been another successful one for Crosspool, with a wide range of community events, environmental projects and activities taking place.

Highlights included the Car Boot Sale, Street Market and Festival. Thirty flags flying throughout the precinct added colour and enhanced the village atmosphere. Celebrating the character of Crosspool a redesigned Crosspool Calendar thanks to Moni's initiative.
Environmental improvements continued with hanging baskets, planters and ongoing work at Lydgate Green and new landscaping, where a new water supply is expected to be operational soon. Hagg Copse remains well maintained thanks to Nick and his volunteers, supported by a new strimmer funded by the Forum. We are also grateful to Food World for helping secure the future cultivation of Calver Fields.
Health and wellbeing activities, including Easy Exercise, Tai Chi and Art Classes, continue to thrive, while our communication channels keep residents informed and connected.
Christmas was once again a community highlight, with volunteers installing and decorating thirty Christmas trees and organising the Children's Christmas Party. We were also pleased to publish 150 copies of local author Dan Eaton's book on the history of Bell Hagg Green (*Calver Fields.)*
Not all news was positive. Following the serious fire at Asthetê Café, the premises remain closed, although we hope to see the business reopen next spring.
These achievements reflect the dedication and generosity of our volunteers and residents. However, to ensure Crosspool continues to flourish, the Management Committee urgently needs new members with fresh ideas and enthusiasm.
No special qualifications are required, only a desire to support your community. By getting involved, you can help organise events, protect our environment, strengthen community connections and build upon the achievements of the past 23 years.
Crosspool's future depends on the support and involvement of local people. Your community needs you.

TREASURER'S REPORT
The financial year ended with expenditure exceeding income, resulting in a modest deficit overall. Despite this, several activities generated a positive financial contribution, with income exceeding expenditure. These included the Clarion, Community Calendar, Christmas Tree Recycling scheme, Easy Exercise/Chairobics, Tai Chi, the Crosspool Summer Fayre, and the Festival with a donation made to "Care in Crosspool".
We were also grateful to receive generous donations from Mrs Drever and Mr Marshall towards the ongoing upkeep and maintenance of the community defibrillator, helping to ensure this important life-saving equipment remains available for local residents.
Activities where expenditure exceeded income reflected the Forum's ongoing commitment to supporting community projects and local initiatives for the benefit of residents. These included Art-for-All, the Children's Christmas Party, Well Dressing, printing costs, support for Ivy Heart (Sandygate Road. Donation for purchase of two picnic table benches together with a ground-fixing kit for Food Works. Additional miscellaneous charges were also incurred during the year.
While these activities operated at a net cost, they provided valuable social, environmental, and community benefits, helping to enhance local facilities, support vulnerable residents, and contribute to the vibrancy and wellbeing of the Crosspool community.

RESIGNATIONS AND NOMINATIONS No extra nominations. Unanimous decision to keep the committee members as they are.

The 30th July Open Meeting minutes were accepted as a true record—No matters arising.

POLICE - unfortunately, were not available due to searching for a missing local resident

FOOD WORKS – Bethan sent her apologies with an update, read out by Steve; *Page 11*

Productive meeting with Amey who have mowed the paddock, planting now started. Site has been Cleared . If you would like to get involved come along and meet us. We are hosting an Open Day on 8th November from 11am - 2pm. Come along for a cuppa and a chat and maybe plant a tree. We would like to thank all the local residents for their offers of help and support. More information is available in the on line magazine, "NOW THEN" .

COUNCILLORS Q&A

Roads and Pothole:

Ruth continues to hold regular meetings with Amey to raise local highways issues. During a recent site visit with the area representative at the junction of Lydgate Hall Crescent and Manchester Road, she was pleased to find that the location had already been resurfaced, providing a positive outcome for residents.

Further improvements are on the way, with the road network including Hagg Hill, Stephen Hill and Bole Hill Road scheduled for resurfacing before Christmas, weather permitting. Residents will also be encouraged to hear that higher-quality materials are now being used for resurfacing works.

20mph Speed Limits

Plans are progressing to extend 20mph speed limits towards Crookes. However, concerns remain that improved enforcement will be needed to ensure the scheme delivers its intended benefits.

Bus Services

There is good news for public transport users. The 52 and 120 bus services have now been fully restored, and a new late-evening bus will depart from the city centre at 11.15pm. Discussions are also taking place about extending the validity of concessionary bus passes until midnight.

To help ease parking pressures on Hallam FC match days, additional buses are expected to operate on relevant routes.

Blue Bin Rollout

Residents experiencing any issues with the new blue bin rollout are encouraged to report them so they can be raised with the appropriate authorities.

Clough Fields Public Right of Way

An update was also provided on the proposed public right of way through Clough Fields. A public inquiry is scheduled to take place at Sheffield Town Hall on 12 January 2027.

EVENTS.

Childrens Christmas party on 13th December - £5 tickets on sale soon from Crosspool Pet Store,

Christmas trees- these will be going up on 6th December. If you can help install/decorate, meet outside Direct Travel at 10am.

Christmas tree shredding will take place outside Direct Travel (weather permitting) 10th January.

Precinct Planters now ready for winter replanting with plants from Valley Side Garden Centre.

Car boot at Crosspool Tavern Saturday 6th June

Broomhill library campaign to get adults reading.

Nabeela (PA) spoke on behalf of Olivia Blake MP, who is offering a trip to London and a tour of Parliament if anyone is interested.

Finally a last call for volunteers. We don't want the Forum to fold. Any help you can offer will be very much appreciated. No other business.

Ian wished everyone a Happy Christmas & all the very best for the New Year.

Next meeting on 30th January 2027.

Meeting closed 9pm.





CROSSPOOL'S EUROPEAN CHAMPION TAKES CENTRE STAGE



It is always a source of pride when someone from our community achieves success on the national stage, and even more inspiring when that achievement demonstrates that age is no barrier to dedication, fitness and sporting excellence.

We were delighted to learn that Crosspool resident Peter Stacey represented England Veterans' Over-70s at the European Cup tournament held in Cardiff in June 2026. Peter played his part in England's campaign, featuring in the opening match as England secured an impressive 2-1 victory over Germany.

England went on to enjoy an outstanding unbeaten tournament. After defeating Germany 2-1 in their opening fixture, they followed up with a convincing 3-0 win over Denmark before facing Wales in the tournament's decisive final match. A closely contested encounter ended in a 0-0 draw, leaving both England and Wales level on seven points.

However, thanks to a superior goal difference of +4 compared with Wales' +2, England were crowned European Champions. It was a remarkable achievement for the squad and a well-deserved reward for their hard work, commitment and teamwork throughout the competition. They will be looking to repeat that success in Germany next May.

Representing your country is an honour at any stage of life. To do so at international level in your seventies, and to return home as a European Champion, is an accomplishment that deserves special recognition. Peter's achievement is a wonderful reminder that passion for sport, competitive spirit and determination can continue long after most people have hung up their boots.

Everyone in Crosspool will no doubt join us in congratulating Peter on this fantastic success. We are proud to celebrate one of our local residents achieving glory on the European stage and flying the flag for both England and our community.

The 'big one' next year is the Senior Veterans World Cup which is being held in Dallas, Texas in October, where the England team will be one of the favourites to succeed. Nearer to home Peter plays for the Sheffield Silver Foxes which has over 250 playing members over the age of 60 and the Foxes have competitive teams at Over 60, 65, 70 and 75 age groups. New members are always welcome. Information on the English Veterans Football Club website at evfc.co.uk



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TAPTON HILL CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTMAS

November 29th – Advent Service @ 2.45 pm
December 13th – Carol Service with Loxley Silver Band @2.45 pm
December 20th – Christmas Carol Service @2.45 pm
December 23rd – The night before, before, Christmas Carols @ 6.30 pm
December 25th - Welcome Christmas Service @ 10.15 am

CROSSPOOL CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING

The Precinct Christmas trees go up on Sunday 6th December 2026. if you and your family would like to help decorate a tree with the festive lights provide be on the concourse at the front of direct travel by 10am
When the festive lights come down, Crosspool turns recycling into a community ritual. On Sunday 10th January from 10:00 until 12:00 noon, bring your used Christmas tree to the Direct Travel concourse for eco-friendly disposal.
Suggested donation: £3 to support local initiatives.

Please arrive by: 12:00 noon, no trees accepted after this time.

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Christmas services at Stephen Hill/St Columba's Churches 2026

Details below give dates, times and venues for our special services. All are welcome.

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Sunday 6th December	4.00pm	Nativity Service	St Columba's
Monday 7th December	10.30 to11.30am	Pre Christmas sing	Stephen Hill
Wednesday 9th December	7.45pm	Salvation Army Brass Band Concert	Stephen Hill
Sunday 20th December	4.00pm	Carol Service	St Columba's
Thursday 24th December	4.00pm	Christingle Service	Stephen Hill
Thursday 24th December	11.30pm	Midnight Communion	Stephen Hill
Friday 25th December	10.00am	Christmas Day Service	Stephen Hill

Crosspool Memory Café, Monthly on Wednesdays from 2-4pm, dates below

The café is held at St Columba' Church and is especially aimed to be a warm and friendly space, welcoming those living alone, those with memory issues and their supporters, and others who would like to be involved.
If you would like more information, please contact us either by phone 01142 670 006, or email admin@stcolumbacrosspool.org.uk

Memory Café Dates & Themes

November 25th 2-4pm	December 16th 2-4pm	January 27th 2-4pm	February 24th 2-4pm
Maxi Moverz with Steph	Christmas	Ukelele band	TBC

New Curate-in-Charge

On 1st November we welcomed RACHEL CROSSLEY as Curate-in-Charge at St Columba's and Stephen Hill church. We wish her well as she settles into her new role, and we know the Crosspool community will also give her a warm welcome.



SALVATION ARMY CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The annual Christmas concert at Stephen Hill Church in Crosspool is a cherished tradition, marking the season's festivities with the melodious brass of the Salvation Army Band.
This event is set for 7.45pm on Wednesday 9th December, invites the community to gather and revel in the spirit of Christmas through timeless carols and music. It's a heart-warming occasion that brings together the joy of music and the warmth of community during the most wonderful time of the year.

PURL'Y QUEENS KNIT & NATTER GROUP



Knit one, Purl one and Chat two.
Are you a knitter? Then why not join our small group of Crosspool W.I. ladies who meet every Friday 10am to 12noon in our forum at Stephen Hill and enjoy our hospitality, friendship and a cup of coffee, whilst having a chat.

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.
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JOIN US FOR COFFEE AND CONVERSATION

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SUITABLE FOR ALL AGE GROUPS

Volunteering at local churches can be a fulfilling way to give back to the community. Why not check out the many weekly activities we have at our two churches, Email or ring for details.
We are always looking for new volunteers in all the lovely groups we run. So if you are interested in volunteering please contact. childrens@stcolumbacrosspool.org.uk

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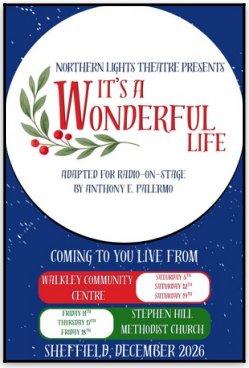
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Performances at Stephen Hill Methodist Church:
Friday 11, Thursday 17 and Friday 18 December 2026
Tickets: £15 / £14 concessions **Doors open:** 19:00
Suitability: suitable for family audiences*
**As in the original film, the story includes references to suicide and portrays a character experiencing severe emotional distress. Parents may wish to bear this in mind when booking for younger children.*

CROSSPOOL LUNCHEON CLUB (5* RATED BY THE COUNCIL)



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.

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.
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EXCITING PROGRESS AT CARVER FIELDS

There have been lots of exciting developments at Carver Fields since our last update, and we're delighted to share the progress that has been made thanks to the hard work, generosity and support of so many people.

One of the highlights has been a very productive meeting with AMEY, the Council's contractors, who kindly helped by mowing the first section of the paddock. This has given us the opportunity to begin planning and preparing our future vegetable-growing area, an important milestone in bringing the site to life.

Our volunteers have also been working incredibly hard on site. Armed with determination, gloves and plenty of enthusiasm, they have been tackling the brambles that had taken hold across parts of the field. Their efforts have revealed sections of fencing and cleared the area around the shed. At the same time, volunteers have been digging out docks and couch grass, preparing the ground for perennial planting. We have already started introducing plants, including comfrey, and have established a substantial compost heap that will help support the site's future growing projects.

We've also enjoyed meeting local residents who are keen to develop a medicinal herb garden in the first section of the fields, before the fence line. The idea has generated a great deal of interest and enthusiasm. If this is something you would like to be involved with, we would love to hear from you. As always, the more people who get involved, the stronger and more vibrant the project becomes.



Another significant boost has come through our ongoing collaboration with Warde and Burke, the Yorkshire Water contractors. Working together, we successfully arranged for a large delivery of green waste compost, which arrived on site recently. Warde and Burke very generously covered both the cost of the compost and its transport. This material is essential for creating our planned no-dig vegetable beds and will provide us with plenty of work and opportunities for volunteers in the months ahead. We extend our sincere thanks to everyone involved for their generosity, support, expertise and encouragement.

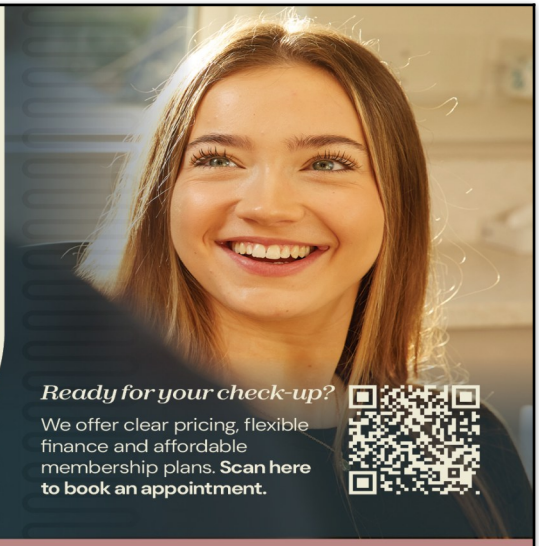
We continue to meet regularly with representatives from the Methodist Church to keep them informed about developments at Carver Fields. Due to recent staffing changes, some decisions are taking longer than anticipated. For example, we are still awaiting clarification about volunteer shelter facilities. Unfortunately, the existing stable cannot currently be used because it has an asbestos roof. We will keep everyone updated as soon as further information becomes available.

We are also extremely grateful to Crosspool Forum for their help in arranging benches for the site. The benches have now been ordered and are expected to arrive within the next few weeks. They will provide a welcoming place for visitors, volunteers and local residents to rest, chat and enjoy the surroundings.

Our recent open day was another encouraging success. Many people came along to see the work that has been taking place, learn about future plans and enjoy a cup of tea and a friendly conversation. Visitors also helped to plant a native hedgerow generously donated by the Woodland Trust, creating an immediate and lasting contribution to the landscape.

Finally, we would like to say a heartfelt thank you to everyone who has supported the project so far. Whether you've volunteered your time, offered tools or expertise, shared words of encouragement, or simply stopped by to see how things are progressing, your support means a great deal. Community projects like this thrive because of local people, and it has been wonderful to experience such enthusiasm and goodwill.

We look forward to welcoming even more people to Carver Fields in the coming months as the site continues to develop into a valuable community space for growing, learning and bringing people together.

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The cameras will provide a clear, reliable record of incidents, helping the Council and South Yorkshire Police respond more effectively to threats or unsafe conduct near busy school routes. Officials say the technology will act both as a deterrent and a safeguard, giving wardens greater confidence as they manage traffic and assist families at peak times.

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For the last nine years, it has been organised by Sue Day and Ken Rutter, but they are stepping down, and it is time for new people to take over.

It is not a very demanding task - it involves inviting gardeners to participate (some existing, and some new), preparation of programmes and posters, and gathering information afterwards about fund-raising etc. Using a computer helps a lot.

Sue and Ken have records from past years, which should make life easier, but new blood will bring new ideas and new life to the event.

If you would like to help, please contact Sue or Ken by email at 156kar@gmail.com, or phone us on 0114 268 0088"

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