

Hunshelf Parish Council Annual Report of the Chairman May 2026

I was born & brought up in the Parish & have now served on Hunshelf Parish Council for more than 20 years. Many & various challenges have come our way during the last year some of which are yet to be resolved. Thefts of agricultural vehicles & equipment is an ongoing concern. The Parish Council has worked hard to address priorities within our means & tried to make the most of available resources.

Much of our success is directly attributable to the determination & supportive energy of our many parish wide volunteers whose continued steadfast efforts are greatly appreciated & demonstrate how much we value our rural setting & community.

People

- Liz Wright retired in the summer after 6 years dedicated service as our clerk
- We were delighted to welcome Debbie Carrington as her successor from 1st August & were sorry to learn towards the end of the year of her wish to fully retire. We thank her for her hardwork, knowledge & skills which she has generously shared throughout her term. We wish her well in her upcoming retirement.
- Jane Mosley has agreed to be our new clerk & we look forward to working with her
- Claire Derrick stepped down as Editor of Hunshelf Chat after her final September issue. We thank her for her long term commitment over 29 years.
- Interim newsletters were collated by clerk in December & Caroline Lindsay in March – thanks to both. Our search for a new Editor goes on.
- Ann Matthewman was inducted to the League Hall of Fame 2025 in recognition of long & outstanding service to Green Moor Cricket Club.
- Philip Watts decided to step away from Parish Council. We thank him for his input, humour, connections & actions during his 7 year term. We intend to hold him to his promise to continue to help us as & when he's needed.
- We record with sadness the passing of :- Alan Burley, Vera Davies, Olga Helliwell, Valerie Hill & Margaret Tylee who witnessed many changes in their long lifetimes & who're greatly missed by family, friends & neighbours.

Sub Groups

- Carol Singers have welcomed new members & continued to keep the tradition of singing local carols alive. Their application to be included in the Living Heritage Register through University of Sheffield is currently being considered.
- TGM volunteers have continued their regular activities to keep the community gardens, recreational spaces, paths & roadside verges in the village tidy for everyone's benefit.
- HEAT team's reach & enthusiasm have gained momentum over their second year. Many different events & activities have been arranged & enjoyed.
- Footpaths & Bridleways are maintained & diligently monitored by volunteers.

Places & Projects

- Stocks Green planters were replaced
- Centenary Garden wall repaired
- Peck Pond excavated & new bench installed
- Pumphouse video added to website - thanks Peter Garrity
- BMBC Service links added to website - thanks again Peter
- Forge Bridge repaired by BMBC
- Boulders & Bollard at approach to the Delf reinstated after new build
- Heritage Map - a couple of discussion meetings held - research is ongoing
- Sandstone to Southwark Project to be revived
- HPC website - thanks Peter for your ongoing updates.

Programme of Events

21/06 Summer Fair at Green Moor Church

29/06 HEAT Greenfest, Scarecrows & Sunflowers competitions

05/09 HEAT Quiz Night

07/09 Wortley Top Forge Summer Gala

14/09 Pumphouse – English Heritage Open Day – thanks to Pete Allott & Pete Garrity for installation of generator & lighting, Rob Bell for his sterling efforts below ground & Barry Tylee for his actions above ground on the day.

19/09 HEAT Mini Beasts & Bat Walk

30/09 Violin Talk arranged by Carol Singers

10/10 HEAT Youth Movie Night

09/11 Bugler Flynn Rogers welcomed again to the Service of Remembrance

13/11 HEAT History of Hunshelf Talk – Margaret & Barry Tylee

26/11 HEAT Barn Owls Talk – Peter Garrity

30/11 HEAT Wreathmaking

03/12 Carol Singers at Penistone WI Christmas Event

14/12 Carol Singers at Wortley Top Forge Christmas Event

20/12 Carol Singers at Green Moor Church

22/12 Carol Singers Parish Tour

28/02 HEAT Coffee Morning

02/04 Maundy Thursday Procession to the Cross from Green Moor Church

24/04 HEAT Quiz Night

02/05 HEAT Odd Pots upcycling workshop

04/05 Wortley Top Forge Spring Fair & Steam Up

Though we are a small parish we have a lot going on – its a busy place to live.
I've tried hard to remember everything but if I've missed anything I'm sorry.

My thanks to :- all our volunteers for their time, energy, hardwork & positive support.
Local Councillors & fellow councillors for everything you've done & continue to do in line with the views & concerns of our residents.
And lastly Debbie Carrington who has made a big difference in the short time she's been with us.
Sincere thanks & appreciation to everyone.

Kathryn Battye
Chairman Hunshelf Parish Council May 2025 – 2026
Finance

The precept for 2025/26 was unchanged from the previous year & was set at £5250. It was allocated to main budget headings: Clerk's Salary, Insurance, Grounds Maintenance, Admin, Room Hire, Hunshelf Chat, Subscriptions & Projects i.e. wall repairs, playground repairs, benches & heritage open day. The end of year financial position was a deficit of £1541. Most of which, £1054, related to an in-year increase in Clerk's hours & Clerk recruitment costs which were funded from general reserves. £658 related to HEAT events which were funded from their earmarked reserves. Green Moor Carol Singers were in surplus, contributing £171 to earmarked reserves.