# Brinsworth Parish News

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# Chair's Update



At the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday, 14th May, I, Councillor Cheryl Jones, was elected as Chair, with Councillor Jane Watson serving as Vice Chair.

We are both immensely proud to be re-elected and remain committed to diligently serving the residents of Brinsworth. In this edition of the Parish Newsletter, you will find a comprehensive report detailing the events and developments from the past year.

We hold Parish and Trust meetings every month, on the second and fourth Thursdays at 6.30pm in The Centre meeting room.

If you are interested in observing the Councillors and Trustees in action, we warmly invite you to attend. There is a designated public question time of 20 minutes for community enquiries, or you can come and observe.

# Meet Cllr Helen White



Joining Brinsworth Parish Council was a natural choice for me after volunteering at community events in Brinsworth. Having volunteered for the first time at the Summer Fete 2025, I found it so rewarding for me that it led to me volunteering at the Community Pantry, where I serve my community each week.

I have lived in Brinsworth since 2021 and my partner's family have lived in the village since the 1960's, in the same house that we now live.

Brinsworth is such a wonderful community with facilities that sit right in the hub of the village.

Having attended a Parish Council meeting once, I was hooked. I enjoy meeting new people and as an Advocate in my day job, it is a natural progression for me to be a voice for local parishioners.

There is always a solution to any problem and finding the solution is something of a passion of mine and no is only ever a temporary yes!

Coupled with being a natural defender I feel that I have the requisite skills to have a positive influence for the benefit of the community.

It isn't about slogans and nodding in the right places, for me it is about making positive changes for the benefit of the community as a whole.

# The Chair's Annual Report

In 2025, I continued my role as Chair of Brinsworth Parish Council. Prioritizing community engagement remains at the core of our efforts in Brinsworth.

**Brinsworth Parish Council:** This past year has seen a continued relationship between Brinsworth Parish Council, Brinsworth Community Trust, our dedicated staff and volunteers. The Parish Clerk, Peter Jenkinson, has worked diligently to enhance community services and the teamwork demonstrated has been instrumental in the success of the events we organize. This year, the Assistant Clerks were responsible for helping coordinate our annual events, including the Fete, Blue Light event, Remembrance Day, the German Christmas Market and Easter. Each occasion was organised to a high standard reflecting commendable professionalism. The staff of Brinsworth Parish Council have consistently exhibited exemplary dedication throughout the year. The ground staff have effectively maintained the Parish's boundaries and grounds, ensured the safety of playground equipment and overseen the upkeep of sports pitches/greens as well as the three parks: Brinsworth Playing Fields, Howarth, and Millenium. Furthermore, sincere appreciation is extended to all staff members and Councillors for their continued commitment and efforts over the past year. Despite staffing shortages the Street Cleansing Assistants have diligently kept the streets clean, which is greatly appreciated.

**Precept:** The Precept is the budget the Parish Council requests from Rotherham Council to fund the Parish Council. Rotherham Council collects this from local residents through the Council Tax bill. This is because Parish Councils do not receive direct funding from the central government. The purpose of the precept it covers the cost of local services and facilities like playgrounds, community centres, staff wages, utility bills and community events. This year we have been able to resurface the path at the Millenium Park, repaint the children's equipment on the Brinsworth Playing Fields and many other projects to make Brinsworth the village that it is. Every year the Councillors have to make decisions on the budget and a lot of discussions take place before setting the precept. The precept request this year was an extra £1.66 per household per month on a Band D, £1.11 per household, per month for a Band A.

**Brinsworth Community Trust:** The Brinsworth Community Trust (BCT) is now celebrating it's eighth year since opening in 2018. Originally established with independent trustees and a few Councillors as a Community Interest Company (CIC), BCT has since integrated into Brinsworth Parish Council as a body of trustees and continues to thrive. Ongoing funding is crucial for the sustainability of BCT, and our Library Manager and Funding Assistant, Leah Fletcher, has played a pivotal role in securing successful grants. We said farewell to the previous Business Manager after over 2 years and was pleased to see the role of BCT Business Manager filled by Jade Staley who is making a significant difference. BCT has made major strides in the last couple of years financially and in terms of community engagement. It's amazing to see how many people benefit from The Centre who are in need.

**Funding:** With respect to events, the Parish Council, acting as Trustees for the Brinsworth Community Trust (BCT) and overseeing The Centre, has collaborated effectively to achieve joint objectives. The Clerk and Leah have been actively engaged in pursuing funding opportunities for the Trust and promoting co-operation across various events at The Centre, the Library, the Pavilion and the Playing Fields. Their recent efforts include securing funding for two years. The funding will help us deliver free community groups to benefit the local people of Brinsworth.

**Kidzone, Community Hub/Youth Club & Pantry:** The Centre has played a significant role in the success of the Community Hub, now in its fourth year, in partnership with the Youth Club. Last May we introduced the Community Pantry, held on a Monday & Wednesday and is open to all residents. These community events operate entirely through volunteer support. Reflecting on the various events held throughout the year highlights many positive moments. KidZone, a Youth Club for children hosted at the Pavilion on Tuesdays, continues to engage youngsters with enjoyable activities. Active Regen, funded by the Parish Council provides popular holiday activities for children.

**Brinsworth Summer Fete:** This was held on Saturday 12th July and was a great success. Brinsworth Arena hosted popular performances from Funky Dance Fever to Dance Factory, with talented singers and martial arts acts throughout the day. Visitors chose from numerous food and drink vendors, browsed unique stalls and relaxed in a spacious marquee. Due to the heat, the dog show was cancelled, but the photo dog show raised donations for Benis' Food Bank and Good Life Dog Rescue. Attractions included children's rides, inflatables, Birds of Prey, Scud's games, and appearances by Disney's Elsa. The event featured music from Rother Radio and concluded with thanks to The Mayoress, attendees, volunteers and staff for making the village celebration possible.

**Blue Light:** This event was our biggest Blue Light event yet, featuring a fairground that appealed to all ages and extended into the afternoon. Emergency services attended, including South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue with their vehicles, and South Yorkshire Police showcasing service dogs and squad cars. Numerous charities participated with stalls, raffles, information, and demonstrations like CPR, promoting daily safety awareness. BOC made their debut with a popular liquid nitrogen display. The Mayoress of Rotherham visited engaging with stall holders and charities. With high attendance, both new and returning guests enjoyed food and drinks on the hottest day of the year.

**Fireworks:** Once again the fireworks display in Brinsworth was nothing short of spectacular, drawing a substantial crowd and underscoring its popularity. This year The Centre elevated the experience by opening a café, bar and barbecue again. Although rain threatened to disrupt the festivities, it ultimately did not deter the fireworks display or the enthusiastic attendees. Once the sparks faded, the celebration continued to flourish within The Centre.

**Remembrance Day:** This was observed on Sunday 9th November, at The Centre with a service led by Julie Barringer. Afterward attendees paraded to St. George's Churchyard War Memorial, joined by the 10th Rotherham Scouts and the public. To accommodate growing attendance a temporary road closure was arranged and microphones used for better sound. Julie conducted the memorial service, featuring a trumpet solo by Lucy Heeley and readings of the fallen's names by Councillors students, Scouts and members of public.

**Christmas Market and Light Switch-On:** This was held on 29th November and was a great success despite the weather. Over 50 craft stalls, food vendors, and a funfair filled The Centre, Pavilion, Library and nearby car parks. Santa greeted nearly 100 children in his Library Grotto, giving gifts with his elves. The Mayor of Rotherham met stallholders, led the light switch-on and gave Secret Santa gifts to the Waverley School Choir after their performance. A family disco wrapped up the day. We thank everyone involved and look forward to next year's festivities.

**Christmas Dinner:** This year the Councillors and staff organised the first Christmas Dinner on Christmas day for those that were on their own. Their hard work paid off with over 30 people attending with over 30 volunteers. The deputy Lord Lieutenant Col Mac and Mayor of Rotherham Cllr Rukhsana Ismail were in attendance along with Popcorn the pony. This event was supported by so many local businesses, Supermarket Community Champions, Ward Councillors and outside companies, too many to mention. They provided practically everything for the day, including all the equipment, food and decorations. A great day was had by all.

**Easter Egg-travaganza:** The Easter Hunt around the Brinsworth Playing Fields commenced at 9am, where children collected letters to form an anagram. Upon discovering that the word was "Easter Basket", they received their Easter Eggs as prizes. The Parish Council gave out over 200 Easter eggs. There were two inflatable Easter egg costumes and our Easter Bunny made a couple of appearances, which our younger volunteers enthusiastically embraced. The Library was open and Leah Fletcher ensured the volunteers knew what to do in her absence, numerous bonnets were crafted by our young residents, a good day was had by all. This year there was a craft market too.

**Brinsworth Ward Councillors:** In partnership with the Parish Council, they have been engaged in improving Brinsworth by remodelling the parking area at Tesco's and advocating for community interests at the Town Hall.

# Egg-stravaganza in Brinsworth

Easter 2026 was celebrated on 4th April at The Centre, attracting over 250 children. The festivities commenced at 9.00am, with an Easter hunt around the Brinsworth Playing Fields. Prior to the event, children received a map with clues, which guided them in collecting letters that would ultimately spell out the phrase "Easter Basket," enabling them to receive an Easter egg. Concurrently, volunteers hosted an Easter Bonnet session in the Library.




















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# Community Page

## King's Award By Glenys Cooper

Our story started 9 years ago when a midwife requested winter hats for newborns at Annie's charity shop. This led to me knitting at home, then forming a group at Bethesda Church on 14th February 2017. Initially called Hats for Charity, we renamed it Heart of Knitting as we expanded our projects. An article in a magazine attracted nine new members.

Val Jones continued holding sessions at Bethesda until COVID-19 hit, prompting her to deliver and collect wool with another knitter. They creatively adapted by meeting in gardens and even festive trolley singing during Christmas. After the pandemic, they established a moms' group, which grew as more joined through the magazine.

Our knitting groups expanded to various locations, producing items for organisations like Jessops, Families First and the Salvation Army and creating special projects like knitted hearts and Christmas Angels. Overall, we've crafted 58/620 baby and children's items and 3,668 adult items.

Our journey has been rewarding, earning awards like the Co-op Project of the Year and the King's Award. However, we are committed to continuing our mission to combat loneliness, support bereaved families and help struggling families while ensuring newborns stay warm.







## SkyDive By Louise Moore

My name is Louise and in March of this year, my three-year-old son Reuben and I participated in the Color Run for the Rotherham Hospice, held at the Phoenix Sports and Social Club in Brinsworth. In April, I had the incredible opportunity to complete a skydive in Durham, also in support of the Rotherham Hospice. This has always been a dream of mine and the experience was nothing short of unforgettable.











Both events were dedicated to the memory of my grandmother, Janet Spooner, who sadly passed away in October 2025 after a brief illness. During her final two weeks, she received compassionate care from the hospice's wonderful staff. I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to them, as well as to all the friends, family, and attendees of Monday night bingo at The Centre for their generous support, as well as those who contributed to the GoFundMe page. Together, my son and I were able to raise an impressive £600.

# Community Page Continued

## ALEX by Louise Bown

Alex visits The Centre everyday for his breakfast. Local resident Louise Bown said “Myself and a group of other friends love chatting to him and listening to his stories”.

Last year Alex took ill and was taken to hospital and then from hospital to a rehabilitation center. The friends he had made, came together and decided to raise some funds to make his stay in hospital more comfortable. We had cash donations, clothes donations and toiletries. Louise said “I was so surprised with all the kind people of Brinsworth that donated in any way or asked how he was doing”. We went to visit regular and would take all these generous donations and he was totally blown away.

Alex would just like to say a big thank you to you all. Alex now comes most days down to The Centre for his breakfast so if you’re passing he would love to say a proper thank you. Once again the people of Brinsworth have come together to help support a kind and loving gentleman. This is what Brinsworth should be about. Again thank you to everyone that was involved giving Alex some love, cheer and hope.

Cllr Cheryl Jones, Chair of the Parish Council, shared, “Alex always comes to The Centre for breakfast, but one morning I was informed that he was unwell.” Along with other staff members, I contacted emergency services.

Alex chose not to wait for assistance and headed to Costa Coffee in Catcliffe where Cheryl and Peter, the Parish Clerk, followed to ensure he was alright. The following day, Cheryl visited Alex's home since he had not made it to breakfast. After speaking with his daughter, she was reassured that Alex was ok and that his family was taking care of him.

Cheryl said, “Thanks to the spirit of the Brinsworth community, Its great to have Alex back in his usual spot at The Centre every morning for his breakfast”.





## Dialogue Society 2026

As the holy month of Ramadan commenced, millions of Muslims across the UK and around the globe entered a period of fasting, prayer, and reflection. The Dialogue Society annually celebrates Ramadan as a time for unifying communities throughout the UK.

This year's theme focused on building community trust. Trust is not established overnight; it develops when individuals feel respected, heard, and included. It flourishes when communities consistently support one another with care and compassion.

In an era marked by increasing division in Britain, the bridges of trust and understanding between faith communities are being challenged. We believe in the importance of constructing and reconstructing these bridges through shared meals and meaningful conversations. By gathering around the table to share a meal, we can foster trust and camaraderie, recognizing that despite our differences, we share countless similarities.

The Dialogue Society hopes that the theme of building community trust transcends mere discussion, becoming a lived experience across our branches throughout the month. We aspire for this commitment to endure year-round, fostering lasting communities and friendships for years to come. On 19th March 2026, the Dialogue Society visited Brinsworth Academy, where the Mayor of Rotherham, Rukhsana Ismail, and Cllr Cheryl Jones, Chair of Brinsworth Parish Council, were invited to the event. It was truly inspiring to witness the community come together for this great occasion.







# Community Page Continued

## World Champion By Miles Foster

In April Miles Foster from Brinsworth, travelled with Rotherham Cheerleading Academy to Florida to participate in the Allstar World Championships for dancing.

Since July 2025 he has trained with his teams Emeralds and Moonstone ready for this competition. When he arrived he felt nervous because the competitions are so much larger in Florida.

Miles said “I am very proud to say that Moonstone came first in the mini contemporary lyrical large division and Emeralds came 4th in the mini hip hop large division. That means I’m a World Champion! I got a huge gold medal which I got to bring home and take to school.




## Bingo at The Centre

Bingo Night at The Centre takes place every Monday at 6.30pm, including bank holidays. We typically welcome between 80 to 100 participants.

The evening features five games of Tombola Bingo, one of which includes a Jackpot with a prize exceeding £250. Included in this we play two games of Irish Bingo. The total cost for participation is £14, with the option to purchase extra Jackpot tickets and Super Five entries. It promises to be a delightful evening—come and join us!

## Brinsworth DC Harry Day

In May, local resident Harry Day starred for Brinsworth DC as they triumphed over the reigning champions, AFP Pewter Pot, to secure their first Rotherham Charity Cup. Day scored both goals in the historic competition's 130th final, held at AESSEAL New York Stadium, thwarting AFP's pursuit of what would have been a record-equalling seventh title.

Lee Hill, a long-serving player for DC, remarked, “Harry’s first finish, the lob, was extraordinary. Everyone in the stands was in awe. That’s why he’s the top scorer in the league; I believe he’s netted 40 goals this year. He’s an unbelievable player.”








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**SOVEREIGNS AND HALF SOVEREIGNS WANTED TOP CASH PAID**



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**The Centre**
Brinsworth Lane, Brinsworth,
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On Thursday 9th July
11 am to 2 pm
**Call : 07724473810**

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**On Thursday 9th July**

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### Wanted

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### LADIES

Please look in your jewellery box, if you have any old rings, chains, earrings, brooches, necklaces, pendants, bracelets etc. Then please bring the box down and let us surprise you



### GENTLEMEN

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### Wanted

OLD NOTES & COINS



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From old silver coins to antique silver tea sets we want them all

Wanted all Aviator diver/military watches best price paid

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### Gold top prices paid

All Gold coins purchased Krugerrands, Sovereigns etc



### Wanted

Pre 1947 silver coins, Half crowns, Florins, Shillings and Sixpences. Five times face value paid



### Wanted all scrap gold and silver



### All gold and silver pocket watches wanted



### ALL ITEMS OF CROWN DERBY WANTED– BEST PRICES PAID



### Sovereigns & Half Sovereigns



### Boxes of Costume Jewellery wanted



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### Old fountain pens bought

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### Foreign coins wanted



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# Tribute to Alan Buckley 18/11/53 – 15/03/26 Former Fire Fighter













Alan was born and raised in Sheffield before moving to Brinsworth with his wife Sandra in 1978 after joining the fire service. He was incredibly proud of his 30 years as a firefighter, a career he truly loved and dedicated himself to wholeheartedly. Alongside his role in the service, Alan also spent many years as secretary of the welfare committee, helping organise Christmas celebrations and retirement parties that brought people together and created lasting memories for so many of his colleagues.

It was during his years serving the community that Alan realised just how much Brinsworth meant to him. Wanting to give something back, he was elected onto the Parish Council in 1989 and quickly became a familiar face in local life, helping to organise the Brinsworth Fetes and Bonfire Nights that so many families enjoyed over the years. Alan was a devoted family man and proud father to his two daughters, Claire and Heather, who both attended the local primary school. His passion for supporting young people and improving opportunities for children led him to become a school governor at two of Brinsworth's primary schools. He later joined the governing body at the local comprehensive school, where he gave more than 25 years of voluntary service with dedication, kindness, and genuine care for the students and staff alike.

After retiring from the fire service, Alan followed in the footsteps of a close friend and joined the Borough Council, later being elected as Ward

# Brinsworth Parish / Ward Councillor & Mayor of Rotherham







MAYOR & MAYORESS
OF ROTHERHAM 2018-2019
Councillor Alan Buckley and Mrs Sandra Buckley

**After 30 years of "looking after Brinsworth", new Mayor Alan Buckley and his wife Sandra are looking forward to using their year in office to shine a light on the many charities, organisations and groups doing invaluable work in Rotherham.**

"In our last year as Deputy Mayor and Mayoress, we've seen just how much goes on in Rotherham. There are so many good activities, groups and charity work that take place, and it often goes unnoticed. We're looking forward to using our time as Rotherham's Mayor to bring this excellent work to the forefront and show the world what Rotherham and its people stand for.

"Although there's that much going on, I'm not sure a year is long enough to show them all off!"

Both Alan and Sandra are expanding on a lifetime's work supporting Rotherham's community which began after marrying in 1975 and becoming parents to Claire and Heather, leading them to get involved with school activities and joining the board of governors.

At the same time, Alan fulfilled his boyhood dream of becoming a firefighter, a career which helped him become involved with unions and the local ward councillors through a colleague. "I've always wanted to do something for the local community. I did do this through being a firefighter; it was always an uplifting feeling knowing you'd done a great job to help people, albeit not always in nice circumstances.

"When the kids went to school, we both got more involved with our community. I became a governor, and sometimes-Chairman, at Brinsworth Whitehill Primary and Brinsworth Comprehensive Schools, and Sandra became a lunchtime supervisor and an exam invigilator. We could make a difference by working with the community and still fit around taking the children to school."

Politics have always played an important aspect in Alan's life, from his early working days in the steel works as a union shop steward, through to his active participation in his local ward, so it was only natural that he progressed to become a Borough Councillor in 2010, following retirement from the fire service. As councillor, Alan has sat on numerous boards and groups, including the Licensing Board, Improving Places Select Commission, Health, Welfare and Safety Panel and eight years with the South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority, maintaining his links with the fire service community.

"I never imagined that one day I would have the great honour and privilege to be Rotherham's Mayor and First Citizen.

"Our year as Deputy has been a busy one, completing over 100 duties. It's given us the opportunity to meet just some of the great people and organisations that make Rotherham the town it is and are looking forward to an even busier year ahead."

Alan will be supported by Sandra, who in addition to her work with local schools has helped manage the local community centre before finally retiring. "Becoming Mayor with Sandra as Mayoress is a way of saying 'thank you' for all her support over the years. We've dedicated much of our time in supporting the community, so now is the right opportunity to share the experience together.

"We're looking forward to carrying on the good work of previous Mayors in raising the profile of the hard work of the people of Rotherham."

They have chosen three charities to support which hold a personal and local affinity: The Fire Fighters Charity, which benefits serving and retired firefighters and their families; Rotherham Headway, supporting people with head injuries; and Dr Ted children's appeal for the Rotherham Hospital and Community Charity, which raises funds for toys and specialist medical equipment to ensure children and young people have the best experience possible whilst in hospital.






Councillor for Brinsworth and Catcliffe. He absolutely loved serving the community and took great pride in helping local residents, many of whom he met during his regular weekly surgeries. Alan cared deeply about improving the lives of those around him and worked tirelessly to make a difference. One of his proudest achievements came after many years of determination and hard work, when he successfully helped bring a new Library to Brinsworth and The Centre, which he officially opened during his time as Mayor of Rotherham.

Alan spent many years attending Council duties at Rotherham Town Hall and one of the greatest honours of his life was being elected Mayor of Rotherham in 2018, alongside Sandra as Mayoress. together, they attended countless engagements across the Borough, bringing warmth, humour and kindness wherever they went. They raised money for charities close to their hearts, including the Fire Service Charity, Dr Ted and Headway.

In 2024, Alan was sadly diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. He faced his illness with incredible courage and determination throughout many treatments and challenges. Surrounded by the love of his family, he peacefully passed away at Kirkwood Hospice on 15th March. Alan is deeply missed every single day and will always be remembered as a loving husband, proud dad, dedicated public servant and a man who gave so much of himself to the community he loved so dearly.

# Brinsworth Friendship Group

This friendship group was established during the Christmas dinner on Christmas Day for individuals who found themselves alone.

This marks the second gathering for the group, where attendees enjoyed a three-course meal prepared by staff and volunteers. The event included several rounds of card games, along with plenty of conversation and laughter.

If you know someone who is alone or seeking to make new friends, or if you are interested in joining yourself, please reach out to the organiser, Councillor Cheryl Jones, at 07580041424. There are specific criteria for participation; this initiative aims to bring the community together and combat loneliness.









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# Family Friday 22nd May 26

Family Fridays have become a cherished event at The Centre. Held at the conclusion of each half term, this occasion allows children to kick off their holidays by celebrating with other families.

To ensure an enjoyable experience we provide various entertainment options for the children, allowing parents to unwind and enjoy themselves. Best of all, this event is free of charge and no prior booking is necessary.



# Summer Fete 11th July 26

Brinsworth Village Fete returns for 2026!

Join us for the Brinsworth Village Fete on Saturday 11th July, starting at 11.00am. This year it's BIGGER than ever! We have Children's games, candy floss and much more.

Explore numerous animal stalls and a wide array of craft vendors both on and off the field. Indulge in delicious food options available on-site, including: burgers, Indian cuisine and our very own BBQ.

For beverages, we have a coffee van, a pop-up bar, and an ice cream van for sweet treats.
The Centre bar will be open from 12.00pm and the cafe will also be open with a full menu.





# Blue Light Event 12th August 26

The Blue Light event is scheduled to return to Brinsworth Playing Fields and BPC Pavilion on 12th August. The family of Sam Haycock, a Rotherham teenager who tragically drowned in Ulley Reservoir on 28th May 2021, will participate in the event under the banner of Sam's Army Mission.

This initiative was established in the wake of his untimely passing, with the goal of preventing similar tragedies by raising awareness and promoting safety. This year alone there have been almost 20 fatalities around the country around water. Participants will include St Johns Ambulance, Fire Service with a fire engine and cadets and the Police with a police van. Additionally, an ambulance will be present, along with a modest military presence.








# Road Safety for Manor School

Making it safer outside Brinsworth Manor Schools. Brinsworth residents will see road safety improvements outside Brinsworth Manor Schools, as a new permanent 20mph zone is introduced on Brinsworth Lane between the junctions of Bawtry Road and Croft Road.

The scheme will also include informal raised crossing points designed to help pupils and families cross the road more safely on their journey to and from school.

Local Ward Councillors Adam and Charlotte Carter have welcomed the measures as an important first step in improving safety outside the school. Councillor Adam Carter said: “This is a really positive step forward and something local families have been asking for over a long period of time. Slowing traffic down outside the school will help make the walk to school safer for children and parents alike”.

Additionally, Rotherham Borough Council have agreed that a traffic light controlled pedestrian crossing outside the school is essential but have not funded this.

Councillor Charlotte Carter added: “We’re also pleased that Rotherham Borough Council has finally agreed there needs to be a proper pedestrian crossing outside the schools. That is a good first step, but there’s still more work to do. We will continue campaigning for this cash to make this new crossing a reality as soon as possible."



# Godric Green - Brinsworth Lane Footpath

A few years ago redevelopment sadly shut the footpath between the old NHS Howarth House site and Godric Green. The footpath was a key route for many residents.

After years of work, progress is finally being made in reopening a footpath connecting Godric Green to Brinsworth Lane. Brinsworth Club have agreed to the footpath going through their land having now overcome the legal obstacles they faced.
And thanks to Ward Councillors Adam and Charlotte Carter, funding has been secured to build the new footpath and make it safe.

Adam said, “This has been a big issue for many local people and I’m pleased we’re starting to see progress on this. I’d like to thank Brinsworth Club for being receptive to this”.

Charlotte added, “The next step is for Brinsworth Club and Rotherham Borough Council to agree the finer details in writing to guarantee that local people can use the footpath for the foreseeable future. I look forward to this happening in due course”.






Brinsworth Parish Council and Brinsworth Community Trust collaborate to serve residents through various events, such as:

- Bingo, Community Hub, Pantry, Craft Fayres, Family Fridays, Centre Reception, Cafe
- Easter Hunt, Fete, German Christmas Market
- Brinsworth Library
- Parish Newsletter distribution

These activities rely on dedicated volunteers and their contributions are greatly appreciated. Interested in volunteering? Contact Jade, our Volunteer Coordinator, at businessmanager@thecentrebrinsworth.co.uk or Peter at office@brinsworthparishcouncil.gov.uk.

# *Speeding in Brinsworth*

Many residents report excess speeds of vehicles travelling through our village. We agree and that's why the Parish Council is working with Ward Councillors Adam and Charlotte Carter and South Yorkshire Police PCSO's.

Brinsworth is joining a newly launched scheme whereby Councillors and members of the public can volunteer to join a local Community Speed Watch, with the aim of preventing and educating about excessive speeds through our village.

Funding for the Speed Watch equipment has been secured by our Borough Councillors Adam and Charlotte Carter.

If you want to join our volunteer Community Speed Watch, then please contact the Parish Council on: office@brinsworthparishcouncil.gov.uk

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# Brinsworth Community Trust

## The Centre

Since its establishment in 2018, The Centre has served as a vibrant hub of activity for the Brinsworth Community. Over the years, we have hosted numerous engaging activities and events aimed at fostering connections among local residents.

In collaboration with the Brinsworth Parish Council and Trustees, our mission is to create a safe environment where the people of Brinsworth can come together, while also providing valuable community enrichment through initiatives such as our Community Hub, Youth Group, Toddler Group, and Community Pantry.

In March 2026, we successfully secured a two-year funding grant from the National Lottery Community Fund. This funding presents an exciting opportunity to expand our outreach to the wider community by introducing a variety of free classes and sessions, including; Zumba, art sessions, and more.

The funding will not only enable us to create new opportunities but also support the ongoing operations of our existing community groups, including the weekly Youth Group, Community Hub and monthly Friendship lunches.

Our on-site café continues to thrive, offering a daily selection of homemade cakes and dishes, complemented by a variety of hot and cold beverages. Takeaway options are always available, and we welcome pre-orders as well.

In addition to our daily breakfast and lunch offerings, the café features a delightful Afternoon Tea served on fine china, making it an ideal choice for a special midday treat.

For more information about events and activities at The Centre, please visit our website, check our Facebook page, or stop by the reception. Reception hours are Monday through Friday from 9am to 2pm.






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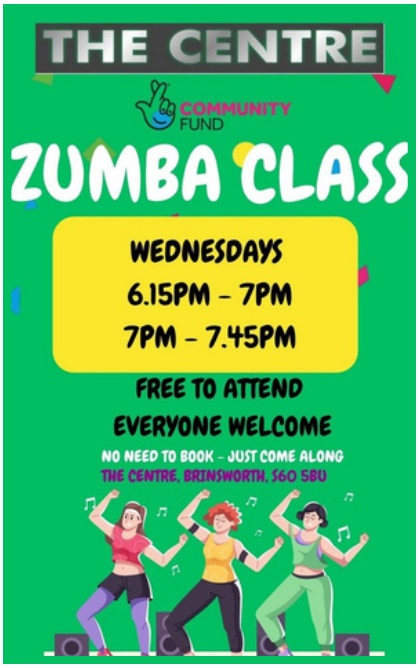
**Look out for more free classes coming soon!**

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# Community Pantry

The Community Pantry has been established at The Centre to assist residents during the ongoing cost-of-living crisis. After operating for a year it has garnered a positive response from the community. As a Trust, we are dedicated to addressing food waste in South Yorkshire, and this initiative effectively contributes to that goal.



Furthermore, Brinsworth Community Trust has partnered with FareShare, which is an organisation committed to reducing food waste in the region. Any surplus food is donated to Mel, who creates Ryte good jams and pickles, with all profits benefiting local dog charities. Additionally, any leftover apples, carrots, and pears are donated to The Stables on Brinsworth Road, and any surplus fresh vegetables are provided to the Salvation Army, which can always find a use for them.




At The Centre the Community Pantry operates on two designated days: Mondays from 5.30pm to 7.30pm, just before Bingo, and Wednesdays from 3.00pm to 5.30pm, coinciding with the Community Hub and Youth Club. Everyone is welcome, so please feel free to share this information with your friends and family.

# Community Hub & Youth Club

For over three years, Councillors and volunteers have diligently hosted a weekly Community Hub every Wednesday from 3.00pm to 5.00pm. During these sessions, they provide complimentary sandwiches along with hot and cold beverages to all attendees. This initiative serves as an excellent venue for children to gather before attending the Youth Club.

There are no age restrictions and many senior residents participate, fostering social connections that combats loneliness. This gathering also offers an opportunity to meet new friends and engage meaningfully with the community.

From 3.30pm to 5.30pm we host a Youth Club that welcomes all and enjoys strong attendance. Jo, our dedicated Youth Leader, ensures a variety of engaging activities for the children. Additionally, our exceptional volunteers contribute significantly to the Club's success and genuinely enjoy their roles.

We have observed notable improvements in the children's confidence, evident when they approach the counter to request a sandwich or drink. It is heartwarming to witness the interactions between the younger participants and the seniors.



# What's on at the Brinsworth Pavilion

**Activities in The Pavilion**

**Monday**

11.00 am - 12.30 pm - Tai Chi
(contact Richard - 07482 975234)
5.45 pm - 6:45 pm - Rotherham Shukokai Karate (07940 391180)
7.00 pm - 8.30 pm – Yoga
(contact Maria - 07837 307062)

**Tuesday**

1.30 pm - 2.30 pm - Tai Chi
(contact Richard - 07482 975234)
6.15 pm - 7.30 pm - Kidzone (Term Time)

**Wednesday**

10.00 am - 11.00 am - Pilates
(Georgina - 07725 367664)
1.00 pm - 4.00 pm - Rotherham Dementia Café (3rd Wed of Month)
6.00 pm - 8.00 pm - Rotherham Shukokai Karate (07940 391180)

**Thursday**

5.30 pm - 7.30 pm - Jill Hyde-Leigh School of Dance
(contact Jo - 07436 530685)

**Friday**

9.30 am - 11.00 am - Yoga
(contact Maria - 07837 307062)

**Saturday**

9.15 am - 11.00am Co Dance
Contact us for available for Party Hire

**Sunday**

9.00 am - 4.00 pm - Available for Party Hire
The Parish Hall is currently available for hire Monday to Friday 9.00am - 8.00pm (except where classes listed above)
The Amenity Attendants are on duty 7 days a week except over the Christmas period when the Pavilion closes on 25th and 26th December and 1st January

**Tel: 01709 916890 (option 1)**
**The Pavilion, Field View, Brinsworth, Rotherham, S60 5DG**
**office@brinsworthparishcouncil.gov.uk**

# What's on at The Centre

**Activities in The Centre**

**Monday**

9.30 am - 11.00 am - Toddler Group
(term time only)
10.00 am - 12.00 noon - U3A Writing Class
(first Monday in month)
5.30 pm - 6.30 pm - Community Pantry
6.30 pm - 9.00 pm - Bingo
(over 18's only - doors open 5.45 pm)

**Tuesday**

9.45 am - 11.30 am - Little Movers
(2 sessions - term time only)
1.00 pm - 2.00 pm - Hearing Aid Clinic
(last Tuesday in month)
6.00 pm - 7.00 pm - Pilates with Georgina
6.30 pm - 7.30 pm - Choose to Lose
7.15 pm - 9.15 pm - Rock Choir (term time only)

**Wednesday**

11.00 am - 1.00 pm - U3A Craft - Yarn Addicts
3.00 pm - 5.00 pm - Community Hub/Pantry
3.30 pm - 5.30 pm - Youth Group
5.30 pm - 8.15 pm - Dance Factory
6.15 pm - 7.00 pm & 7.00 pm - 7.45 pm Zumba

**Thursday**

9.00 am - 11.00 am & 6.00 pm - 8.00 pm - Weight Watchers
1.30 pm - 5.00 pm - Healthwave - (referred weight management)
5.00 pm - 6.00 pm - Stay Active
7.10 pm - 8.40 pm - Yoga with Maria

**Friday**

10.00 am - 12.00 noon - Good Companions
12.00 noon - 1.00 pm - RUWFC Pilates

**If you would like further information regarding any of the classes listed, or would like to enquire about running a class yourself, please call The Centre on 01709 916890 option 2 or email: enquiries@thecentrebrinsworth.co.uk**




# What's on at the Brinsworth Library

**Activities in Brinsworth Community Library**

**Monday**
9.00 am - 12.00 noon - Jigsaw Club, all welcome
10.00 am - 11.00 am - Family History Group using FindMyPast
3.00 pm - 4.00 pm - Homework Club - welcomes pupils who want to use our computers, study with friends or just come and read

**Tuesday**
9.00 am -12.00 noon - Jigsaw Club, all welcome
9.00 am - 11.00 am - Adult Crafting (free)
2.00 pm - Adult Book Club - Join us on the last Tuesday of every month to pick up our monthly selected book
3.00 pm - 5.00 pm - Sewing Group, sewing tips and tricks (free)

**Wednesday**
Open with Smart Access 9.00 am - 5.00 pm
(Sign up at the Library)

**Thursday**
10.00 am - 10.30 am - Rhyme-time, young children's sing-along and craft (free)
11.00 am - 12.00 noon - Senior Social Club - Join us for games, cards and refreshments (free)
3.00 pm - 5.00 pm - Knit & Natter Group, refreshments provided (free)

**Friday (Closed)**

**Saturday**
9.00 am - 10.00 am - Digital Library Help - drop-in session
10.00 am - 12.30pm - Lego Club (free)
10.00 am - 12. 30pm - Children's Craft Sessions (free)

Library Opening Times
Monday: 9.00 am -12.30 pm & 1.30 pm - 4.30 pm
Tuesday: 9.00 am -12.30 pm & 1.30 pm - 6.00 pm
Wednesday: Smart Access 9.00am - 5.00pm
Thursday: 9.00 am -12.30 pm & 1.30 pm - 5.30 pm
Saturday: 9.00 am - 1.00 pm
**Friday & Sunday: Closed**

**For more information please call the Library on 01709 255050**
**Facebook - Brinsworth Community Library**
**Field View, Brinsworth, Rotherham, S60 5DG**

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**General Enquiries**
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**Streetpride**
01709 336003
**Council Housing**
01709 336040
**Safeguarding**
01709 336080

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0800 1111
**Citizens Advice Bureau**
0344 4111444
**Age UK**
0800 6781602

## Local Helplines

**Parish Council Office**
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**The Centre**
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**My Dentist Brinsworth**
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**Brinsworth Post Office**
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**Travelline**
01709 515151

# Upcoming Events 2026



## Brinsworth Summer Fete

11th July 2026
11.00 am - 4.00 pm



## Schools Out Party

17th July 2026
5.00 pm till late
Fancy dress optional



## Blue Light Event

12th August 2026
11.00 am - 2.00 pm
Brinsworth Playing Fields & BPC Pavilion



## Back to School Party

28th August 2026
5.00 pm till late
Fancy dress optional

## Craft Markets

6th September 2026
10.00 am - 2.00 pm
Over 50 stalls




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