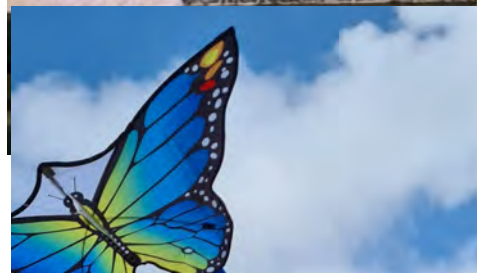
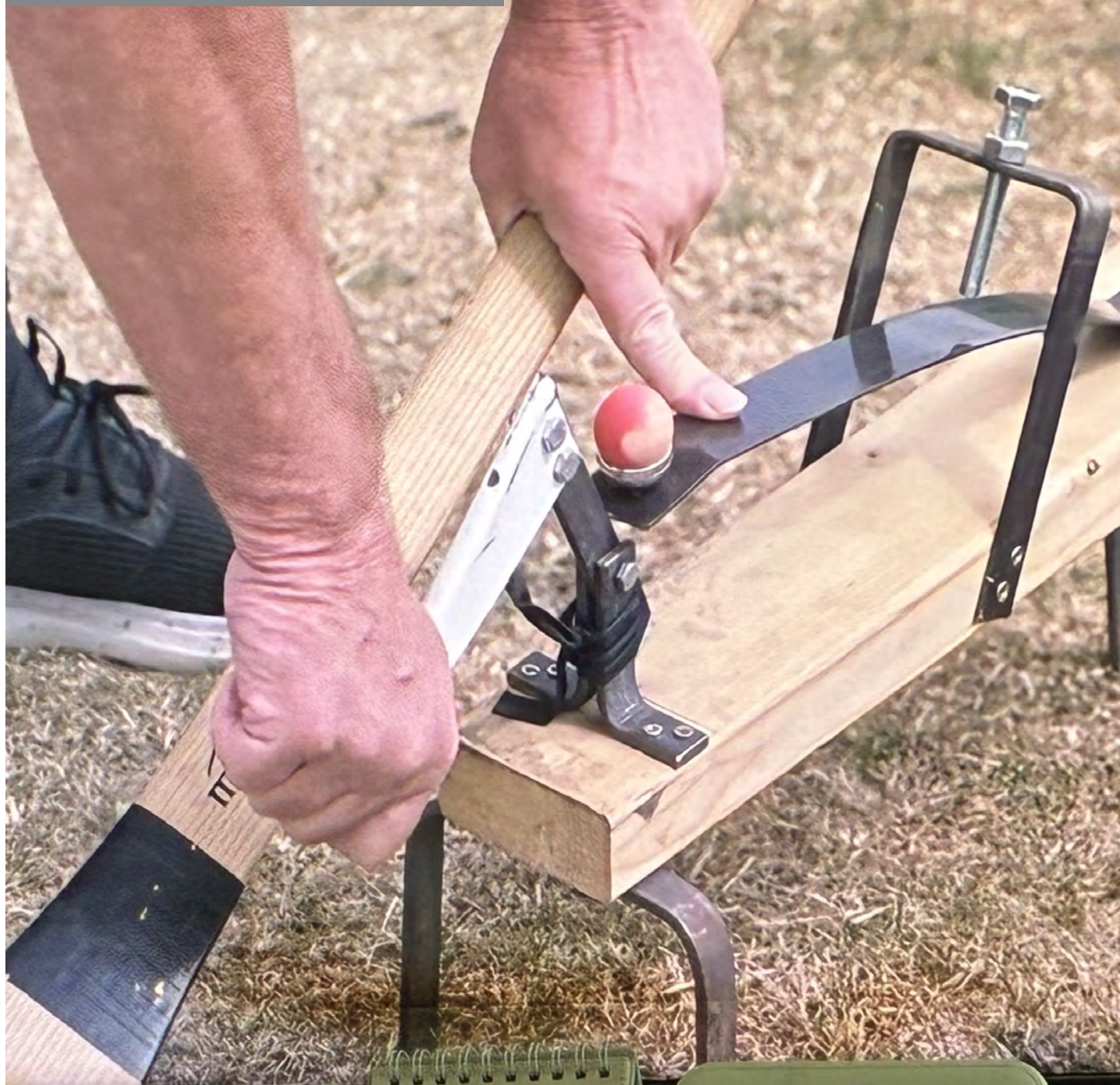


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Editorial

27th edition September/ October 2026

Brilliant: We have received wonderful articles for this edition. Thank you all – amazing!

For the 28th edition, we need your contributions by October 1st. Please send your articles, notes, photographs, recipes, puzzles as attachments to the email togetherinbatley@gmail.com or come to one of our content workshops:-

Content workshops in the library;
Mon 21st September 1-3pm
Tues 22nd September 10-12pm planning meeting
Thurs 24th September 10-11am+ book box
Fri 25th September 11-1pm

We hope copies will be available in the first week of Nov at Batley Food Bank, Batley Community Centre, The Park Café, The Salvation Army and Churches. If you would like to take copies somewhere so we can increase our reach to every community, please let us know: togetherinbatley@gmail.com

The paper will be online at
<https://togetherinbatley.co.uk>
with links from
<https://www.facebook.com/togetherinbatley/>

Please send the details of any Christmas activities you know about to us as attachments to an email:

togetherinbatley@gmail.com

Articles 350 words with 2 photos 8x8 centimetres.

Group Reports 60 words with 1 photograph.

Book Review 150 words with 1 photograph.

What's on 12-20 words.

Thank you all for your super contributions!!

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SAVE THIS ANIMAL!

Publication Date:

Reported by: Ibrahim Patel



Our reporter explains why this animal is in grave danger and how we can help its survival!

The Rhino is slowly but surely becoming extinct. The reason is they are hunted for their keratin horn even though hunting rhinos is banned. Another reason is deforestation. Millions of trees are being

cut down for various reasons. This is the cause of the rhinos extinction.

Ways to help also build nature reserves/ breeding programmes and help companies that not only save rhinos/ animals but also rainforests, mountains, forests, islands, poles.

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Batley Groups



**Ladies only hike
Peak District**

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 20TH 2026
£7.50/ £25.50 PER TICKET
8.30AM - 5PM

Grassroots
SUPPORTING COMMUNITIES TO GROW

Now in it's fourth year this is our ladies only hike to The Great Ridge. The coach will be leaving and returning from Batley. This will be a 6 mile hike and moderately challenging. For full information and booking please get in touch. You may book and join using your own transport.

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Grassrootsbatley@gmail.com



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Community Choir

Batley Groups

The Priestly House Songbirds

The first meeting of the Priestley House Songbirds was held at the home on Wednesday 15th April. The entertainment was provided by Wendy, Steve, and Celia. The event was organised by Jimmy McVeigh, who also compared the show. Many thanks also to the deputy manager of the home Catherine Hemminges who worked very hard to make it the success It was. An afternoon greatly appreciated by all.

It is now hoped to make the show a monthly event.



Out and About in Batley...



In the Library



Batley Pride



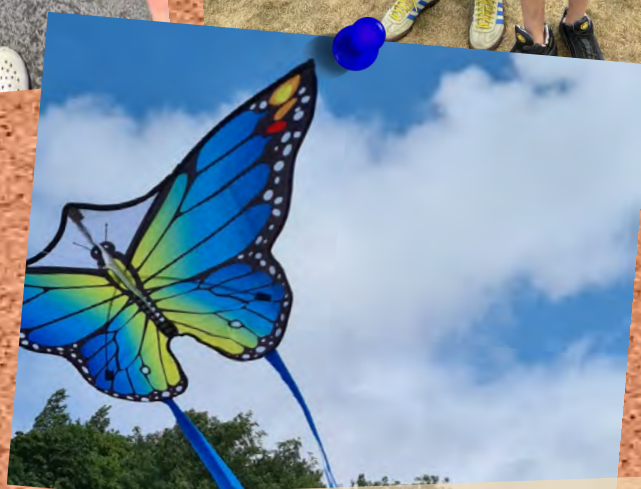
Run For Jo



Out and About in Batley...



Woggle Hopping



BECOME A CONTRIBUTOR. Do you want to celebrate the good news stories and amazing people in Batley? Email togetherinbatley@gmail.com to find out the details

Silk Painting Workshops

Edgeland Arts were commissioned to deliver a project for Kirklees Libraries which involved a series of silk painting workshop programs to generate images of a local area, alongside stories and reminiscences. They ran sessions at Batley, Cleckheaton and Mirfield Libraries where attendees contributed to creating community themed handmade books.

The aims of the workshops were

To encourage participation in creative activities in Libraries.

To record and celebrate community uniqueness.

To encourage the use of local study resources.

To promote the new library in Huddersfield as a creative hub and resource for the many communities it serves.

Each program of 3 workshops contained the following.

- Initial workshops to create silk paintings based on local scenes researched by Edgelands Arts prior to the workshop date. This was followed by research into further local scenes using the Local Studies resources available at each library. Participants were also asked to share reminiscences of the local area.
- Second silk Painting workshop used images from the local studies resources.
- Prints of the silk paintings from both previous workshops were then compiled into unique books along with text, based on the reminiscences. The finished piece for each program is a handmade, unique concertina fold book which is available to view at each library.



What's On!

Each Week Sept / Oct

Every Monday:

Gym. 9.30-10.30am.

Batley Sporting Foundation.

Breakfast, dinner and pudding

10.00-12.00pm Batley Care and

Drop in at Central Methodist Church

Coffee Morning 10.00-12.00pm

Wilton Park Conservatory

Coffee Morning 10.00-12.00pm

Bleak House, Wilton Estate

Movement and Games. Chair based
exercise 10.30-12.00pm

Batley Community Centre RVS

St Mary's Theatre Group. 7.00pm

Social Club and Parochial Hall.

This Way For English. 1.00-4.00pm

Andy's Man Club. Join the

Conversation 7.00pm

Singing Group 1.45-2.45pm

Chess Club 5th of Jan then every 2
weeks 5-6:30pm

Batley Library

Batley Mencap. Social evening

6.00-9.00pm at Chickenly Community
Centre

Community Choir 7.15- 8.45pm

Term time only

Community Room, Batley Parish Church.

Community Café. Coffee, tea, pies
peas and cakes. 10am-1.30pm (hot food
served until 1.00pm)

Friendship and Fellowship afternoon

1.30pm-3.00pm includes speakers,

quizzes activities and occasional outings

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Salvation Army

Beginner's Maths 9.00-11.30am

Measure and make sewing course

1.00-3.00pm

Manorfield School

Trinity Over Sixty's class at

St Pauls Church Hall Hanging Heaton

Contact 07950368831

Coffee morning

St Thomas Church. Grosvenor Rd

2.00-3.30pm

Line Dancing 2.00-4.00pm

Staincliffe Cricket Club

Every Tuesday:

RAFA Coffee Morning with singing every

other week 10.30-12.00pm

Rhyme Time 1.00-1.30pm

Batley Library Term time only.

Tiny Readers 9.00-10.00pm Manorfield

I&N School (term time only)

group 2-3.45pm Manorfield I&N School

MASC Batley Karate Club

4.00-5.00pm and 5.00-6.00pm

£5 Michelle 07932650854

Bingo from 8.00pm £3 a book

Social Club and Parochial Hall

Fitness for Ladies 5.00-6.00pm

Al Hikmah Centre IMWS

Baby Clinic 9.30-11.30am

Carlinghow Academy

01924 326371

Open Gym 9.00-10am Ladies only

Gym 5.15-6.15pm Learn Together

Craft Club 12.00-2.00pm

M.E.N. Men Only Gym 6.30-7.30pm

Over 55's Gym 6.30- 7.30pm

Open Circuit 7.30-8.30pm

Batley Sporting Foundation

Lunch and Bingo 11.00-2.00pm at

Church Ablaze, Wellington Street

Tiny Readers 9.00-10.00

Knit and crochet 10.30-12.00pm

Pilates 12.30-1.30pm

Batley Community Centre RVS

Stay and Play 1.5-3yrs 1.00-3.00pm

50p Warwick Rd School

Fri 01924 455593

Batley and District Camera Club

7.30-9.30pm

Every Wednesday:

Little Lambs Toddler group 9.15am-

11.00am £1.50 per child

Salvation Army

Singing for Fun 2.00-4.00pm £5

with Anthony 07876267267

Fit Steps with Karen 5.45-6.45pm

dance fitness £5 07973242684

St Mary's Rock and Roll Club

8.00pm £3

Pool in the lounge 8.00pm 50p

St Mary's Social Club and Parochial Hall

Crafty Ladies 1.00-3.00pm

Church Ablaze, Wellington St.

Peer Talk 11.00-12.30pm

For those living with depression and
anxiety.

Brimer Hall, Central Methodist Church

What's On!

Each Week Sept / Oct

Sequence dancing with Trevor

2.00-4.00pm

St Mary's Batley

Fields creative walks 9.30-12.30

Manorfield school from Feb 4thpm

And Field Lane School 12.45- 2.45

Line Dancing 8.00-10.00pm

Staincliffe Cricket Club.

Every Thursday:

Open Gym 9.00-10.30am

Ladies Only Gym 5.15-6.15pm

M.E.N. Men Only Gym 6.30-7.30pm

Wellbeing Walking 10.00-11.00am

Over 55's Gym 7.00-9.00pm

Open Circuit 7.30-8.30pm

Batley Sporting Foundation.

Luncheon Club, 2 course meal

11.30-1.00pm. Please book.

Batley Community Centre RVS

Community Café Light bites +

10.00am-12.00md café for cakes coffee and sandwiches

12.15pm-1.30pm for activities with something different each week of the month.

Salvation Army.

Community archive with support 10.00 -

12.00pm

Story Time 10.30- 11.15am term time

Step by Step Job Club 10.00am

Stop smoking 1.00-2.30

Batley Library

Slimming World with Lynn

9am/11am/5pm/7pm 07988662052

St Maty's social club and Parochial Hall

Batley Youth Hub survival skills, sport,

food, music, games 6.30-8.00pm

Fearless People Yorkshire.

Sensory Play for children

afternoon

Bleak House, Wilton Estate

Wellbeing walks 2.00-3.00pm

Wilton Park Batley adults 18+

Kirklees Wellness service

01484 234095

Stay and Play free 9.00-10.00am

Or 12.15-1.15pm Al Noor Nursery,

Community Centre, Hyrstlands Rd

07661735370

Craft Club 9.00-10.00am

Field Lane school

ESOL 9.00-11.30am Manorfields

And Field Head School 12.30-3.00pm

North Kirklees Family History Group.

10.00-12.30pm tel 917414

Batley Community Centre

Every Friday:

Crochet Group 10.00-12.00pm

Sporting Memories 10.00-11.00am

Free Bingo 2.00-3.30pm Monthly

Batley Library

Walking Rugby 12.30

Batley Community Centre

Batley Sporting Foundation

Get Active Owls for over 50s.

10.00-3.00pm 014844766131

Batley Sports and Tennis Centre

Rock and Roll Band nights.

monthly 7.30pm

Mick Ingram Tribute Nights

Monthly 7.30pm

Tickets £8 and £10

St Mary's Social Club and Parochial Hall

The Craft Club 5.00-7.00pm

Under 8s only with parents

Bleak House, Wilton Estate

Ladies Rounders Team

Batley Ninjas 8.00pm

Batley Tennis Club

07514372582, 07961449236

Art Class 10-12 £3

Methodist Church, Green Lane

Westborough.

Except 1st fri in month.

Singing For Wellbeing 1.00-2.00pm

sINGspiration Rosewood Centre

Dewsbury District Hospital

What's On!

Each Week Sept / Oct

North Kirklees Family History Group

9.30-12.00pm

Batley Community Centre

Drop in Breakfast and Lunch 9.30-

12.30pm

Church Ablaze, Wellington st.

Coffee Morning

10am-11.30am - Brimmer Hall

Entrance side red door

Batley Central Methodist Church

Every Saturday:

Lego Club 12.00-2.00pm

Trading card Club 2.15-3.45pm

Crafts 2.00-4.00pm (last Sat of every month)

Batley Library

Every Sunday:

Ballroom Dancing with Trevor 7.45pm

£3. St Mary's Social Club, and Parochial Hall.

Lego at the Museum 12.00-4.00pm

1st weekend every month

Junior Park Run 9.00am 4-14yrs

Wilton Park

Friends of Wilton Park.

Ladies Rounders Team

Batley Ninjas 10.00am

Heckmondwike Grammar School

Junior Team 11.00am

07514372582, 07961449236

Wilton Park Conservatory

12.00-4.00pm

Plants and crafts.

List of Providers:

* Batley Community Centre 07726 771936

* Batley Library ring 01484221000 and ask for Batley Library

* Batley Sporting Foundation ring 07808 055022 or email info@batleysportingfoundation.org

* Bleak House, 200a Ealand Road, Wilton. WF17 8JL

* Carers Count <https://carerscount.org.uk>

* Friends of Wilton Park fowp2015@gmail.com

* IMWS [https://www.imws.org.uk/contact us](https://www.imws.org.uk/contact-us)

* For Manorfield I&N School 07497 512801

* RVS ring 07884 114853

* Salvation Army ring 01924 443716

* St Mary's Social Club and Parochial Hall, Melton St. www.stmarysocialclubbatley.uk ring 07896 974492

* Trinity Centre ring 01924 437331

* Bagshaw Museum, Wilton Park, Batley.

* Batley Community Alliance Volunteers, richardmartin01@btinternet.com

* For Field Lane J I&N School 07497 512801

* North Kirklees Family History Group. Tel 01924 917414

What's On! *Special Events Sept / Oct*

RVS

Mon - Movement and games - 10.30-12pm - Batley Community Centre
- Groovy grannies - 10.30-11.30am - JMWS Al Hikmah Centre
- Conversation coffee and cake - 10.00-12pm - Wilton Park Conservatory

Tues - pilates/ seated exercises. - 12.15-1.15pm - Batley Community Centre

Wd - Community garden project - 11-12.30pm - Batley Community Centre

Thurs - Lunch club - 11.30-1.30pm - Batley community centre

Other support:

Community Companions

Kirklees home library service

Library Dates:

Mondays:

This Way for English 1-4pm

- Singing Group 1.45-3.45pm

- Chess Club 11th May and then every 2 weeks 5-6.30pm

- Andy's Man Club 7-9pm

Adult craft session - 4th Friday of the month 10-12pm

Tuesday:

Ex RAFA tea and cake 10.15-12pm

Rhyme time - term time only 1-1.30pm - re starting 8th September

Ancestry Sessions with Eva - drop in 10-12pm

Thursday:

Step by Step 10-12pm

Storytime - term time only 10.30-11.15am returns 10th September

Stop smoking 1.30 - 2.30pm

Friday:

Crochet 10am

Bingo ,last Friday of the month

Magic Chairs 12-1pm

Huddersfield Town

Hall Concerts:

Legend of Barry White

This is Elvis

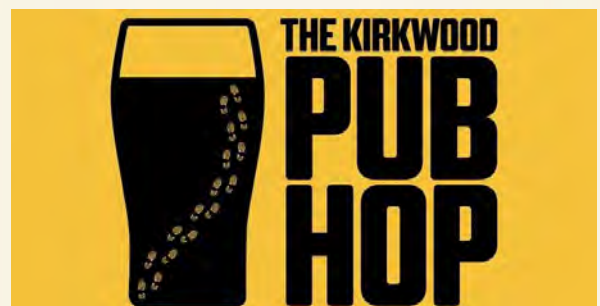
The Big Pants Party

Taylormania

Fleetwood Mac tribute

Bee Gees tribute

Mamia the Abba tribute



Have you heard? The Kirkwood Pub Hop is coming to Mirfield on Saturday 12th September 2026!

Gather your friends, enjoy a great day out, and be part of the fun by signing up today.

Tickets are just £25 and include:

- An exclusive event t-shirt
- A branded commemorative glass at the finish
- The chance to support local patients and families across Kirklees

The pubs that are involved are as follows

- Navigation Tavern
- The Pear Tree
- The Flowerpot
- Arthur's Cafe

HEALEY TOGETHER



LYADH'S JOURNAL:

A Lovely visit to Dewsbury

We had a lovely visit to our neighbour town Dewsbury. The statue in front of the Town Hall made us stop and take a picture. It was very interesting to look at and made our trip even more special!



A Joyful Day At The Farm
We had a joyful visit to Watering Hole Farm today, and I was so excited to feed the animals—sheep, horses, and even bison. It was such a joyful experience being close to nature and spending time with these beautiful creatures. I felt so happy and content. What a wonderful day.

Exploring Yorkshire Sculpture Park

We had a fantastic visit to Yorkshire Sculpture Park. We went on a long walk surrounded by huge, incredible statues. The creativity and scale of these unbelievable sculptures left us truly amazed.



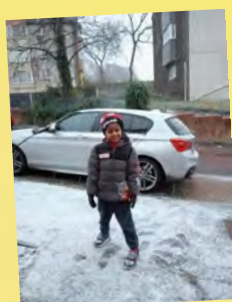
Step back in time at Kirkstall Abbey



A visit to Kirkstall Abbey is a journey through history, as it is one of the most well-preserved medieval Cistercian monasteries in England. Wander through its fascinating ruins, admire the striking architecture, and enjoy the peaceful parkland.

First snow magic

Our first snow day was pure magic! My sister and I had a shivery adventure while watching the snow fall from the sky. It was so lovely, and I even made my first snowman.



Winter Nights, Christmas Lights

Soaking in the Christmas vibes, we visited Leeds to see the beautiful lights. The cold night air made the experience even more magical.



BBEST Star Coaches

BBEST Community Hub CIC works with Star Coaches of Batley Ltd to subsidise Educational Trips for 20 Local Schools

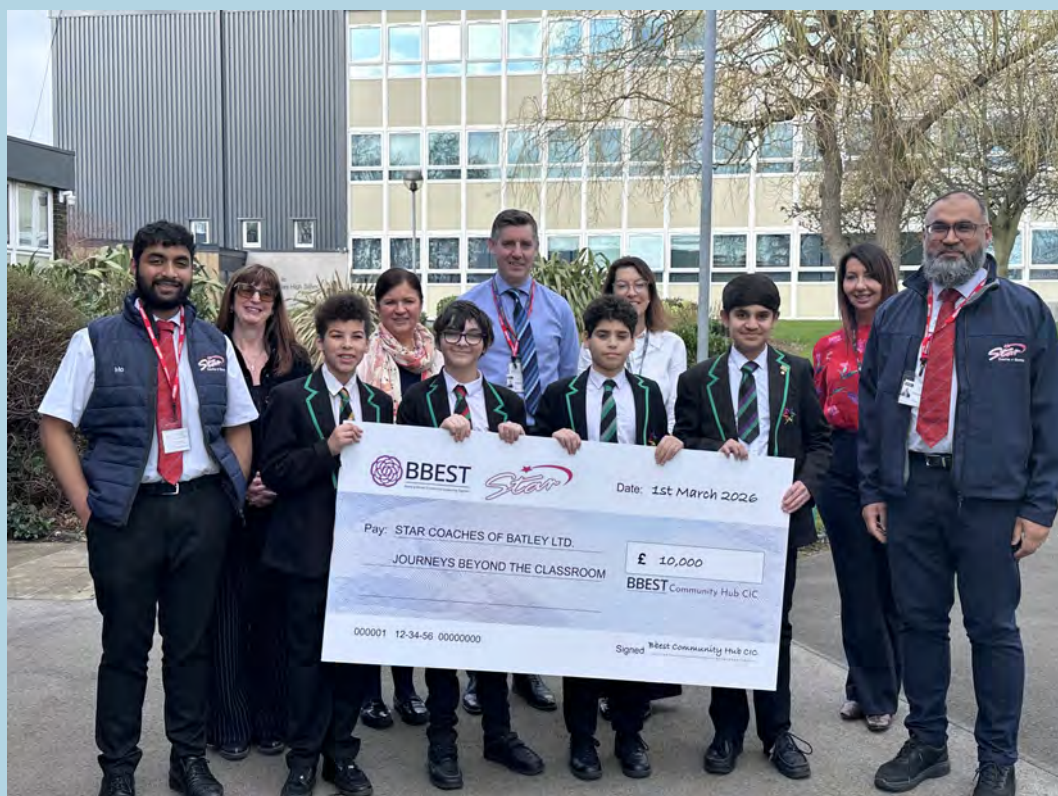
BBEST Community Hub CIC is delighted to announce a new partnership with Star Coaches of Batley Ltd, which will provide subsidised transport for educational trips benefiting 20 local primary and secondary schools throughout 2026.

Through this collaboration, BBEST Community Hub CIC has committed £10,000 to support travel costs, helping to remove financial barriers that often prevent young people from accessing valuable learning experiences beyond the classroom.

Educational visits play a vital role in enriching the curriculum, broadening horizons and inspiring ambition. However, rising transport costs can make trips increasingly difficult for schools and families to afford. This partnership directly addresses that challenge by ensuring more pupils can take part in cultural, historical, and aspirational experiences.

For more information about BBEST Community Hub CIC and its work with local schools, please contact:

bbesthubcoordinator@bbesthub.uk



Book Review



The Pip Book

Kieth Mossman

An amazing book: Kieth Mossman offers you the benefit of his considerable experience in growing the more familiar and the more unusual plants from seeds of fruit and vegetables used in your regular cooking-

Pomegranate, Kiwi, lychee. Passion Flower, avocado etc.

He describes how to grow them and our chance of success!!!

Projects for us all over the summer.

Ode to A School: Amina Malik

Education is free in the UK but that doesn't mean it comes without its share of problems: underfunding, lack of qualified teachers, worrisome Ofsted ratings, budget cuts, and limited resources, just to name a few. However, there are still some great schools out there that continue to flourish and support their communities even while facing such challenges.

One such example is Healey Junior, Infant and Nursery School. Located in Batley, a small quiet town in West Yorkshire, Healey School stands out thanks to its incredible Headteacher Mrs. Luisa Lang.

Mrs. Lang has continued to strive for excellence since the day she took over as Headteacher, and the results speak for themselves. The school's Ofsted ratings have risen, attendance has improved and learners are getting quality education while being provided a safe haven for their emotional needs and mental growth.

Healey School boasts of a team of dedicated and hardworking teachers, many of whom have been a part of Healey for well over five years. The whole team works as a well oiled machine.

There is zero discrimination and students are free to be themselves! Discipline issues are dealt with firmly but fairly, and the school has a strong stance against bullying of any kind. Character building happens alongside learning, and correction is prompt and effective. The school upholds high moral values and teachers lead by example. All of this is possible because Mrs. Lang believes that a one-size-fits-all approach cannot meet the diverse needs of children, each of whom deserves to be recognised and celebrated individually.

Because it takes a village to raise a child, it naturally follows that there must be seamless collaboration between parents/carers, teachers and educators for the child to thrive.

In this regard, Mrs. Lang has put in significant effort to strengthen the communication between families and the school, thus creating a warm, close-knit school community. I can't thank her enough for fostering such goodwill and kindness within the community. She has even learned a few Punjabi words to greet some parents who shy away from speaking English.

With Mrs. Lang at the helm, the other staff members also play an active and important role in contributing to the school's success.....

I end with an ode to Healey School.

"You are not merely brick, mortar, or stone,

Nor a grid of cold desks where the quiet sit alone.

You are the vibrant pulse, the community's beating heart,

Where the journey of a thousand minds finds its steady start."

Once again, thank you Mrs. Lang for being a wonderful Headteacher.

- The complete article celebrates the staff and is available online at <https://togetherinbatley.co.uk>

Knurr and Spell: Poor Man's Golf

At the Woggle Hopping Festival in Wilton Park this year we played the long knock game of Knurr and Spell.

1 We recreated the historical game referred to in the 15th century and illustrated in "Walkers Costumes of Yorkshire" This was still played by children through the centuries.

2 There was an alternative version of the game using an egg shaped Knurr placed on a wooden stand spell.

3 One version which was played in Lancashire using a cloth sling spell.

4 Coal miners in Yorkshire developed a mechanical spell which Boz Davidson is trying to revive: he organised a tournament at Thurgoland near Barnsley, South Yorkshire this August 2026 which was featured on Look North.

Have you played Knurr and Spell- If you have any information please let us know: at the library in Batley or on Togetherinbatley@gmail.com



From Branch to Canvas

Four Weeks of Foraging, Fire, and Traditional Charcoal-Making at Crow Nest Park

By Eva Kujawa

There is a quiet, meditative magic in creating your own tools from scratch. For four weeks, under the expert guidance of Artist in Residence Stephen Turner and Waheeda, a small group of us gathered at Crow Nest Park to do exactly that. We went back to basics, exploring the ancient, tactile craft of turning raw park woodland into professional-grade artist's charcoal.

Here is how we transformed fallen branches into raw creative potential.

Our journey began on the damp, green pathways of the park. Loaded with clippers, Barrow, and gloves, we set off to find our materials. Making charcoal isn't about using whatever wood is closest; it's about understanding the unique characteristics of different tree species.



Stephen Turner led our weekly sessions with an infectious passion for the park's natural history.

Stephen guided us in identifying and responsibly harvesting cuttings. We gathered everything from soft willow and lime to harder woods like oak, elder, and viburnum.

Once back at our shelter, the physical work began. We prepped the wood by hand, using simple vegetable peelers to strip away the damp bark, revealing the smooth, pale wood underneath.

Peeling ensures a clean, even burn without ash flare-ups. We then cut the sticks to size and bundled them tightly, carefully tagging each variety.



Left: Our cart piled high with fresh cuttings, tools, and the day's supplies.

Below: Bundled and tagged twigs drying in our makeshift workspace

The transformation of wood into charcoal relies on a process called pyrolysis—heating the wood to extreme temperatures in the absence of oxygen. Without oxygen, the wood cannot catch fire; instead, the water and volatile organic compounds cook out, leaving behind pure, carbonized drawing sticks.





Left: : Bundled and tagged twigs drying in our makeshift workspace. Right: .Shaving the bark off a green twig to prepare it for the kiln.

To achieve this, we packed our labelled wood bundles tightly into recycled metal tins—including vintage biscuit tins and a Silver Jubilee container—sealed the lids and made sure they had breathing holes. We placed them directly onto the glowing red embers of a fire pit.

As the heat rose, columns of white steam and gas shot out of tiny vent holes in the tins. Once the smoke ceased, we knew the transformation was complete.



The 'cooking' process: sealed tins of Oak and Viburnum bake over the hot embers.

There is nothing quite like the suspense of opening a cooled kiln tin. Pulling back the lid, we were greeted by perfectly preserved, lightweight, jet-black sticks of charcoal that still mirrored the exact shapes of the branches they once were.

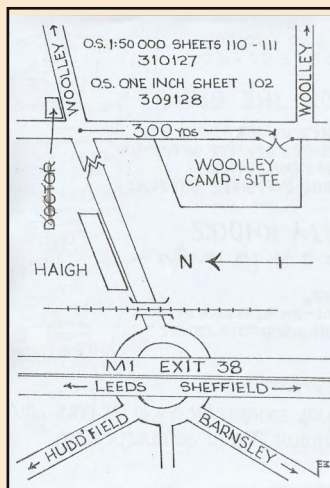
Our final sessions were spent testing our creations on paper. The results were incredibly distinct:

- Willow gave us the classic, velvety, easily blended sweep.
- Oak was not interested in drawing, and left dense, gritty lines.
- Elder and Lime offered delicate, greying tones.

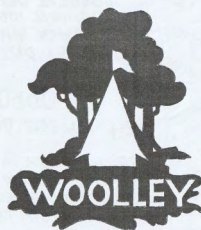
By creating a physical swatch chart of each wood type, we created a visual map of Crow Nest Park, written entirely in the carbon of its own trees.

Eric Medlock's catalogue of his posters offers an amazing insight into scouting in the seventies!!





BATLEY DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL



CAMP-SITE RULES & GENERAL INFORMATION

Batley District Cub Scout Leaders welcome you to an unrehearsed, underpaid, over-acted, evening of what could turn out to be, pure farce

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60-- ON WITH THE SHOW

7:30 CURTAIN UP
7:35 CLOWNING AROUND - WITH TUMBLING TRICKS.
7:45 THE LIFE OF A CUB SCOUT - SHORT SKETCH IN MIME
7:55 "CHIEFLY YOURSELVES"

Visit our sets and have a go-for tonight -
OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS

After the show
Buy her a meal at
JOE BARKIN'S
COWHEEL AND SWEETBREAD
SNACK BAR

9:00 BATLEY DIST. CUB SCOUT THESPIANS PRESENT
"JACK AND THE BEANSTALK"
9:15 THE WEST YORKSHIRE SENIOR PLAYERS PRESENT
"REPEAT PERFORMANCE A FARSE IN ONE ACT."

9:30 GOODNIGHT FROM THE GANG

COFFEE AND TEA SERVED 8:00 - 9:00
LICENSED BAR OPEN 9:30 - 10:30.

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BATLEY TOWN HALL

OCTOBER 26th, 27th, 29th, 30th & 31st
at 7.15 p.m. - Matinee Sat. 31st at 2 p.m.

Prices Front & Raised Rear Stalls Centre Stalls
Adults £2.00 £1.75
Children £1.50 £1.25

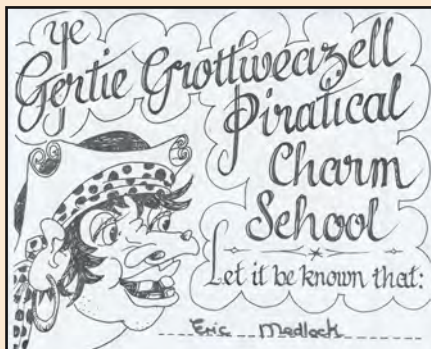
Children - full price Saturday evening performance.
Pensioners - Children prices Monday and Saturday matinee.
Apply for tickets to: Mr. P. Bumble, 20 Endfield Close, Batley WF17 8DZ. Tel: Batley 476862.
(Inventory with order please)

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This is to certify that
entered a car in
the event
of the 1975 Scoutcar Rally.
Batley 21st June.

Signed



Let it be known that:
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on the 7th & 8th of December 1991 did
attend this Academy & did learn to:-

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY: TELL BIG FIBS,
WIPE HIS NOSE WITH HIS NECKER,
EAT SOUP WITH HIS FINGERS,
GO FOR TWO DAYS WITHOUT WASHING,
AND LOTS MORE USEFUL THINGS.

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(GERTRUDE GROTTWEAZELL)

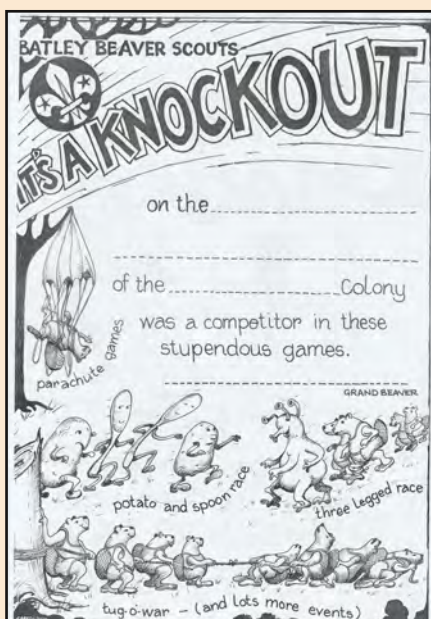


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Inspiring a Love of Reading: Book Swap Initiative Reaches Schools Across Birstall and Batley

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A new community-led reading initiative is helping children across Birstall and Batley develop a love of books, thanks to a successful partnership between BBEST Community Hub CIC and Let June as part of the National Year of Reading 2026.

BBEST Community Hub CIC, in partnership with Let June, is proud to celebrate the successful delivery of a reading initiative supporting children and young people across the Birstall and Batley area as part of the National Year of Reading 2026.

Working through BBEST's established network of local schools, the project provided carefully curated book boxes designed to reach pupils who may otherwise have limited access to reading materials at home. Each participating school received a ready-made resource containing a selection of high-quality books, alongside a practical teacher guide to support the delivery of a sustainable book swap scheme within their setting.

The books were thoughtfully selected from a curated reading list suitable for Key Stage 2 pupils, ensuring a broad range of engaging, age-appropriate titles that promote enjoyment, curiosity and confidence in reading. The book swap model enables children to regularly exchange books, helping to maximise access while fostering a sense of ownership and excitement around reading.

Feedback from schools has been overwhelmingly positive, with teachers highlighting increased engagement, enthusiasm, and a renewed interest in reading among pupils. The structured approach has also supported schools to embed reading for pleasure in a simple, accessible and sustainable way.

This project demonstrates the power of strong local partnerships and a shared commitment to improving outcomes for young people. By combining BBEST's close relationships with schools and Let June's generous support, the initiative has successfully removed barriers to reading and created meaningful opportunities for children across the community.

Nichola Winn from BBEST Community Hub CIC said:

"We wanted to create something that was not only impactful, but sustainable for schools. By providing curated book boxes and a simple book swap model, we've been able to support more children to access and enjoy books in a way that fits easily into school life. We are incredibly grateful to Let June for making this possible."

Graham Dewhirst for Let June said:

"At Let June, we are passionate about creating opportunities for children and young people to thrive. We are proud to have supported this initiative, which not only provides access to books but encourages a lasting love of reading. Working in partnership with BBEST has ensured that support reaches those who need it most, in a way that is both meaningful and sustainable."

As the National Year of Reading continues to inspire communities across the country, this initiative stands as a strong example of how collaboration can create lasting, practical impact.

For more information about this project or future initiatives, please contact:
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