

FULFORD PARISH COUNCIL

NEWS

The Fulford Annual Parish Meeting will take place on 24th May at 7pm in the Old Library, Fulford Social Hall, School Lane. Please come!

This is a meeting for people who live in Fulford Parish. Come and meet members of the Parish Council to talk about matters of local interest. Find out more about what the Parish Council does and tell us about what you care about in Fulford. We will build an agenda together for discussion.

Juliet Koprowska, the Chair of the Parish Council, will provide a report on Parish Council matters during the past year and Rachel Robinson, the Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer, will report on the previous year's Parish Council accounts.

Defibrillator Update:

The application for an accessible Community

Defibrillator by the Parish Council has been successful and the unit is due to be installed at Cemetery Lodge in May. A big thank you to the fundraiser and everyone who supported this worthy and potentially life-saving cause!



Mary Key: Bread and Sermons

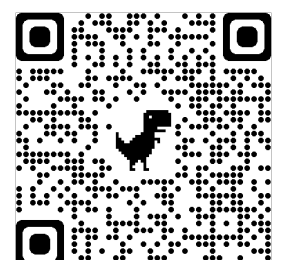
Mary Key was a Fulford resident who in 1781 left £150 to provide bread 'for the poor of the parish', and for the vicar to preach a sermon on Good Friday and Ascension Day. The Parish Councillors were trustees of the Mary Key Charity, which amounted to £320 and hadn't been used for some time. In 2021 the Parish Council decided the funds were losing value and not being put to best use, so £300 was transferred to Carecent, a local charity providing food and support for homeless people. The remainder, plus a top-up from the Council will provide two bread making trophies for Fulford Show in memory of Mary Key, one adult and one junior, for the loaf that impresses the judges the most.

The boards will have a small plaque in the centre and the winners' name and date will be written on the back and returned after one year for the following Fulford Show.



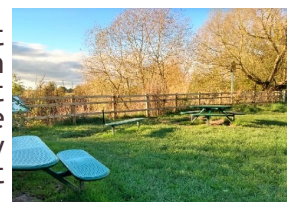
New Local Area Coordinator for Fulford, Fishergate & Heslington: The new Local Area Coordinator (LAC) in your area is Alice Hawken and she is joining the wider network of 11 LACs based across York. Support is offered to people who feel isolated and vulnerable due to age, frailty, disability or mental health needs or for any other reason(s). Residents can introduce themselves or be introduced to their LAC by anyone (GPs, local councillors, professionals, local people, neighbours, friends, relatives, voluntary organisations, local clubs and activities). There are no lengthy referral forms, criteria or assessments so just get in touch with Alice directly on 07923 232824 | alice.hawken@york.gov.uk. For more information on Local Area Coordination in York please visit <https://www.york.gov.uk/health-social-care/local-area-coordinators/1>

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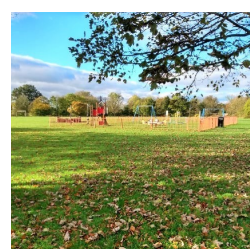
Fulford's Open Spaces

Village Green: St Nick's Centre for Nature and Green Living has a project with the environment agency to develop the green corridors of York, with one of these being in Fulford. They held a walk from the Designer Outlet to the Millennium Bridge in September 2021. Now they are going to help the Parish Council improve the Village Green so that it is more hospitable to tansy plants and tansy beetles. The Parish Council is working on a formal agreement with them.



 **Play areas and equipment:** The Parish Council has replaced some of the play equipment at Fordlands Road, and more new equipment will be added in 2022. At Fulford Show we conducted a small impromptu survey of children, to choose between five pieces of play equipment and one was the outright winner - the NRG Solar Trim Trail. There was also a suggestion of a carousel style swing and funding will be sought for this for installation this year. Ward funding was received to help meet the cost of some of the new equipment - thank you to the Ward Committee!

School Lane Playing Field: The Sports Clubs, the Ward Councillor and the Parish Council have worked together to improve the area around the pavilion near the tennis courts. Much bigger plans for the fields are still being explored, and a public consultation will take place once there are proposals and drawings available.



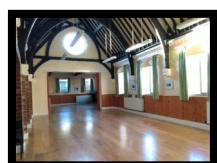
Community Wood at Fordlands Road: Fulford Parish Council joined many other councils, organisations, and agencies around the country in declaring a Climate Emergency in 2019. But what does that mean for Fulford and what can we as a community and a Parish Council do? Well, the Parish Council is developing a strategy plan to keep Fulford a place we all want to live now and into the future. The strategy identifies actions we can take as individuals, a community, and as a Parish Council to help mitigate the impacts of climate change and reverse the trend in increasing extreme weather patterns and local flood events.

One part of our strategy is planting more trees and creating greener spaces. As individuals, planting a tree or growing plants for wildlife is one of the many actions we can take to create a healthier place for us and wildlife. The Parish Council can take the next step and create larger habitats within Fulford. A Fulford Community Wood is one of these projects.

Fordlands Road playing field has a play area, football pitch, basketball court, exercise equipment, and bike ramps. It is circled by mature trees and a small, wooded area along Selby Road and Germany Beck. These areas are well used by the community. The proposal is to expand the existing wooded area and plant approx. 1000 trees and plants around the edge of the playing field, creating a more diverse place for people to play, walk or sit and relax. All the existing play areas will remain and with the additional trees it will help keep the playing field drier throughout the year. This will be done with involvement from City of York Council to enhance the area after the pumping station has been installed along Selby Road.

We will work with the Environment Agency, City of York Council and other organisations to design and create a habitat which is beneficial to local people and wildlife, helping Fulford Parish Council meet its aims in tackling climate change, reversing wildlife losses, and improving the area for all of us.

If you would like more information on the community wood project, tree planting or how you can do your bit to improve where we live, please contact the Clerk on clerk@fulfordpc.org.uk.



Fulford Social Hall on School Lane is available for events, meetings and activities. As well as the popular times at weekends, there are also some daytime slots available during the week both for the Main Hall and the Old Library Room either for regular activities or one-off hire.

Please contact cemetery@fulfordpc.org.uk / 01904 633151 for further information.



Community Initiative



Help Fulford become a greener cleaner place

The Parish Council would like to hear from you!

We aim to set up a community-based group who work together to think about priorities and actions to make Fulford greener. Lots of people know that the climate and the environment are in trouble, but it is hard to act in isolation. This group could learn from local people's concerns, and also take ideas and information back out into the community. It will also keep the Parish Council up to date with local people's priorities.

We might be most concerned about hedgehogs, or water-saving, or air pollution, or ways to reduce heating costs. There's a whole range of issues for the group to think about and see what steps we can take together.

Contact Juliet Koprowska cllr.koprowska@fulfordpc.org.uk for further information

New Website Coming Soon

The Parish Council are working with website designers to launch a new website in the next few months. The website will have the same www.fulfordparishcouncil.org.uk address but will be an updated and more accessible website with space for more local information.

New Logo

Alongside the launch of the new website, the designers have worked with the Parish Council to create our new logo, drawing from themes within the Battle of Fulford Tapestry, referencing Germany Beck and the Tansy Beetle.



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Meet the Councillor, Cllr. Simon Marsh

How long have you lived in York?

I moved to Yorkshire in 2009 for work along with my partner. I worked in Doncaster and she got a position at The University of York working on her PhD. York was our preferred place to live, so I commuted to Doncaster. We moved house six times in six years (the joy of renting), and one of those times we lived in Fulford on Main Street near The Plough. We really liked living in Fulford and we finally put down roots in 2015 and moved to Fordlands Road.

Where did you live before moving to York?

I grew up down south so I'm not a native Yorkshireman. I lived on a farm in Buckinghamshire for most of my childhood and loved being able to get out into the woods and fields and exploring nature. I was fortunate to get a job which allowed me to see many parts of the UK and abroad. I lived in Cheshire and South Wales before moving to York and this is the most time I've lived in one place!

What do you do for a living?

I have always had a passion for wildlife but also had strong interest in the emergency services or the military. I was close to joining the army or the police but instead ended up working at my local safari park. I never intended to work in zoos but have been involved in zoos and wildlife conservation ever since. I worked at Yorkshire Wildlife Park, joining the team there just after it opened, and helped design and build what you see now. Now I work for an animal welfare charity called Wild Welfare which works with zoos, aquariums, and sanctuaries around with world to improve how they care for their animals.

Why did you want to join the Fulford Parish Council?

Once my partner and I had decided to buy our home in Fulford, and our lives had settled down a little, we wanted to put something back into the community. Since moving to York and to Fulford (twice) we have had two children, who both attended St Oswald's Primary School, and we got married. Now we have more structure to our lives (we don't want to see another removal van for a very long time!) we feel we are part of the community, and we want to help keep Fulford a lovely place to live.

How do you think you can help Fulford Parish Council?

I have a lot to learn as a new parish councillor. I am fortunate that there is a wealth of experience across the Parish Councillors and the Parish Clerk and they have taught me a great deal already. There are day-to-day activities which we can take for granted (I certainly did before joining the parish council) and other opportunities to develop short and long-term plans to improve the area. I am passionate about the environment, creating habitats for wildlife and people to enjoy, and addressing the impact of climate change. If I can play my small part in helping the people of Fulford and the Parish Council create a greener and healthier place to live then we will all benefit.

Opportunities For New Councillors

VACANCIES

We are looking for new councillors who have some knowledge of local issues, care about the community and have the ability to work with others to resolve issues.

The role involves attending 10 - 12 meetings per year, plus a modest time commitment to the work of the council between meetings.

We work co-operatively in small groups in areas of regular responsibility, such as looking after the Council's open spaces and the Social Hall, evaluating planning applications and addressing climate and ecological matters. We welcome potential councillors with energy and ideas about how we can work more closely with the community. Councillors work closely with the Parish Clerk, who manages most of the Parish Council's day-to-day responsibilities. We welcome people at all stages of their career.

If you would like to know more, please contact the Parish Clerk on clerk@fulfordpc.org.uk