

## A YEAR IN THE LIFE OF THE VILLAGE DURING THE PANDEMIC

As this edition of the News is published just over a year after the first national lockdown, I thought it would be good to remind ourselves of all the amazing support and lockdown activities that have taken place. I refer to some individuals by name but please forgive the fact that I am unable to name check everyone.

As we went into the first lockdown the Parish Council provided funds for some mobile phones and the shop swung into action setting up prescription and food delivery/emergency help Whatsapp groups as well as establishing a team of street wardens to keep a check on any residents who may not have had access to social media. Both prescription delivery from Eyam and street wardens are still in operation.

Peter O'Brien, our District Councillor, kept us posted on information from Derbyshire County Council and, most importantly for many of us, details of bin collections!

Even during these difficult times stalwart volunteers, along with managers Sarah and Andrew kept the shop open and it even went online. The virtual shop idea which evolved from that is developing further and will hopefully mean an expanded range of goods available online sometime over the summer.

Our local Spar (White's) introduced a delivery service which along with our shop provided a lifeline to those who were shielding and found it impossible to get a delivery from one of the large supermarkets.

It was hard to go hungry when Terry from the Sir William decided to start fish and chip Friday with delivery by Diane and Bob Wilson and John and Pauline Bowman. Sundays were sorted too when the Sir William and The Maynard made Sunday lunch to order.

When residents began posting more general comments in the emergency WhatsApp group, Carrie Olone established the Grindleford Ramblings WhatsApp

group which has taken on a life of its own as a place to comment, post questions, make a joke and swap unwanted items.

The partnership between the Church and the shop deepened and there was a real effort to have the church open for prayer and reflection whenever possible. There was even an impromptu Carol service and now the Lent Cross to remind us to think of things to be grateful for.

As we saw NHS workers struggling to source appropriate clothing and PPE, Liz Baily saw a post about making scrubs and so put out a call to see if there were others who wanted to help. In the end Sarah Dadswell ( see separate article about Sarah), Pat Goodall ( see separate article about Pat), Gillian Hutchinson, Adrienne Kay, Hilary Malden, Veronica Simpson, and Deborah Wright made 33 sets of scrubs and laundry bags.

Some of the group along with others then went on to make homemade washable face coverings for sale in the village shop. £1100 was raised for Jigsaw Food Bank in Matlock.

Even during this difficult year it didn't stop people looking ahead. Bev Shepherd began fund raising for a redesign of the children's playground which raised thousands of pounds, including a donation of £2000 from the Parish Council.

The village clapped for carers and essential workers every week, we celebrated VE Day, were filmed by drone, lockdown portraits of villagers were taken, an e-bike event was held, an exercise trail for kids was set up in the woods courtesy of Matt Heason, a dog calendar produced and we had the most amazing Christmas lights to brighten the midwinter gloom.

How could we be any more proud of our village and its residents?

## Traffic Survey

This traffic survey is all about us and our aspirations to keep our village safe and not governed by traffic.

The Parish Council really will listen to your response and act accordingly.

Grindleford is our home - everyone is welcome here - but we value our community and we want our roads to be safe and functional. We don't want roads used as race tracks (by any form of transport) and we want to encourage all users to behave courteously both to residents and to each other.

Your views are warmly welcomed. So now is a good time to fill in the survey form included in this edition of the News.

# Happy Easter, everybody!

Spring has sprung, the days are getting longer, lambs are skipping in the fields (or should be soon), birds are building nests (my wife watched with glee as a pair of chaffinches stole the squirrels' hole in our tree), gardens are coming to life, and the slugs are after your carefully nurtured seedlings. Yes we are on the way to Summer, and hopefully striding forward on the pathway that will bring us gradually out of lockdown and restrictions too.

I wonder what's on your list of **Things I Want to Do as Soon as It's Allowed?** I want to catch up with friends and visit my Dad. Leisurely lunches in a pub garden seems to be to a firm favourite with many, so we'll probably have book a long way ahead for that. A haircut may be high up on your list or a holiday, a trip to the zoo, or some live jazz, a night at the bingo or a night at the opera – but please don't confuse these two.

At St Helen's Church and Community Shop, we're eagerly looking forward to being open for business at the heart of our community. We're gearing up for some important work to be done to the building as part of developing further our thriving partnership. This year and next will see the much-needed renewal of the entire roof, with solar panels to provide heat and light, the refurbishing and expansion of the shop to provide indoor café seating and improvements to our general facilities, so that the shop and church together can better serve our community and visitors, body and soul -these two, *should always* go together!

*Paul Moore is Priest-in-Charge of Grindleford, Bamford and Hathersage. He's still addicted to music, and hasn't had a haircut since last October.*

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# St Helen's Church

## *News*

### **The Thankfulness Cross**

During Lent, a simple wooden cross in the churchyard became increasingly covered in an array of colourful, fluttering ribbons, each one representing a thankfulness prayer. This was part of an initiative called "Being Thankful" in which St Helen's Church invited villagers to join it in expressing gratitude for a different group of people in our community each week, who have kept us going over the last year, by tying a ribbon to the cross. Ribbons could be bought in the community shop or were given out in exchange for a donation to the High Peak Food Bank. It was lovely to see the gradual build up of colour and cheeriness in the lead up to Easter.



### **Indoor church services are back!**

The church will re-open for services on Easter Day, Sunday 4th April. It should be a particularly joyous occasion because it will be the first indoor service since we shut our doors in Lockdown 3.0, the first Easter service in church since 2019 (last year's couldn't occur because of the first lockdown), and because it is that most hopeful of church festivals: the celebration of the risen Christ, coming as it does after the solemnity of Lent.

Details of forthcoming services will be on the noticeboard in the church grounds. At the moment, people will need to book to attend indoor services by contacting Lynne Hawksworth on [lm.hawksworth@btinternet.com](mailto:lm.hawksworth@btinternet.com), or 01433 631372. We will be following the latest Government and Church of England guidelines: hands will need to be sanitised on entry, face masks will need to be worn inside the church building, and people will need to maintain social distancing.

### **And Easter Lilies are back!**

We couldn't do Easter lilies last year because the building was closed for lockdown, but we did put up lists of the names of all those for whom lilies would have been bought and it was nice to stand quietly at the church doors to read them and remember them.

This year the Easter lilies are back! They'll be making their first appearance on Easter Sunday, spicing up the air in the church, reminding us of the heady smells of the incense used in some church traditions, and their trumpet-like heads will remind us of the angels making joyful noises in heaven to signal the Resurrection.



You'll be able to get the experience for a few weeks until the lilies have exhausted themselves.

Often called the “white-robed apostles of hope”, tradition has it that Easter lilies sprung up in the Garden of Gethsemane on the spot where drops of Christ’s sweat fell to the ground as he prayed in his final hours of sorrow.

The photo is a detail from our Lady Chapel nativity window and shows an angel holding a bunch of (arum) lilies.

### **Raymond Ross Fund grant**

The partnership between St Helen’s Church and Grindleford Community Shop has been awarded £25,000 towards the building and development of new facilities. The Fund was set up a couple of years ago in Derby Diocese with the aim of helping parishes to make church buildings fit for the purposes of mission in the 21st Century. The three categories for which the fund was originally established were: toilets; kitchens/kitchenettes; and wifi/broadband projects. The proposed establishment of a cafe for the church and shop, as described in the last Grindleford News, fitted the criteria well. The maximum grant a parish can apply for is £25k, and will generally require 50% match funding, either from the PCC, community or external funding body, so there is still work to do to raise the additional money.

### **APCM**

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held after the 9.30am morning service on Sunday 9th May 2021. Details of how to attend will be circulated to all those on the Electoral Roll. At the moment it looks like there will be vacancies on the PCC and for churchwardens.

### **The church entrance doors**

Being unable to enter the church during the various lockdowns led me to look more at the building and its grounds. I started seeing things anew and began to appreciate

what we don't often take the time to look at slowly and thoughtfully and instead just take for granted. The main church entrance doors are a case in point, as so often we pass through them without noticing them, yet they are rich in decorative and symbolic details.

They were commissioned by the architect Alan Goodman for the new west porch, which was added to the building in 1984. They were designed by the stone and wood carver, and artist, John Hanstock, who lived somewhere in the east of Sheffield. He was particularly proud of them because he used an "exotic timber" that was in short supply as a coloured veneer on top of the solid oak frame, although the architect had reservations about the finished product and the overall design.

The design is different on each door. Each has a series of interlocking crucifixes in various degrees of relief, casting subtle shadows in the changing light. Each also has a large cross with curved arms outlined in gold studs, and in its centre a large piece of local Blue John stone. The left door has an image of a bearded man in the top left corner, presumably representing Christ, and the Roman numerals for 84 in the bottom right corner (representing the year of the doors' dedication, 1984). The knob on the left door has a crown on it, representing Christ as King, and the one on the right has a bishop's mitre on it.



The doors are looking somewhat shabby at the moment due to weathering. They were last refurbished in 2005. The photograph shows some detail from the doors. Go and have a look at them before they are restored to their former glory, and then check them out again when they return.

*James Allen*

# Meals for Hallamshire ICU

Little did our village chef, Sarah Dadswell, realise, when she came up with the idea to offer meals to our resident Hallamshire ICU nurse, Beth Marshall and her team during the height of the recent COVID spike in hospital admissions, that she, her bakers Mary Wren, Penny Reynolds and meat suppliers the Coopers (Crichlow's Farm Shop) would end up making meals for over 40 people for more than 6 weeks.



When Sarah posted her original idea on the village Facebook page, 65 households responded and raised £1250 in less than 4 days with more offers of help and envelopes pushed through her front door.

After the success of the first meal it was decided to cook for larger numbers which meant the cooks were able to offer food for the day AND night shift as well as for non-nursing staff and there was some left over for the following day!

Just what this meant to staff is shown in Critical Care Nurse Antonia's comment after a day when she started work at 7a.m. and didn't get a break until 5p.m. : 'The lamb shank curry and cake saved the day. It was amazing. We're having a tricky time at the moment but knowing that the food was prepared so lovingly is an amazing and wonderful thing. '



Our own Beth Marshall said: ‘ it was a massive treat and hugely appreciated during some rather challenging weeks in ICU. To add to the generosity the staff decided to make a voluntary donation when they tucked into one of the meals as an act of ‘pass on the kindness’. This raised £420 which has been donated to Jigsaw Food Bank in Matlock.’

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Since doing this cooking, Sarah and her family have moved from Grindleford but friends and neighbours decided that they couldn’t leave the family’s time here unmarked and presented them with leaving gifts of an artist drawn picture of the family on the allotments and a table-tennis table for their new garden. So... thank you to the Dadswell-Miller family for all you have contributed to life in Grindleford.

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## Mary Nicholson nee Davis

12 September 1929-26 February 2021

R.I.P mum from daughters, Helen, Jane and Shirley and sons Stephen and John.

Mary was a long-time resident of Grindleford who passed away peacefully in February.



Starting life in Grindleford at Heather Cottage on Bank Top Lane and attending the village primary school. Mary started work aged 14 in the village grocery shop A.F. Hancock.

In the early 1950’s Mary moved to the family home on the main road where she lived for many years before moving to a flat on Edge View Close, with her beloved cat ‘Kitty’. Finally, Mary moved to a care home where she settled in with grace and dignity.

Mary was much loved and will be sadly missed by her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren.

# Knit for Nowt

When I became involved in making scrubs during the first lockdown little did I think I would be making puppets in scrubs during the third one. Never-the-less as I start to write this that is precisely what I have just been doing!



I started by making a family of happy/sad-faced puppets. Then progressed to sets of professional characters who the children may come into contact with. Then I tried worry monsters or worry eaters - here the children post their worries in the mouth pocket. At last I had a purpose for my knitting rather than hats or jumpers for family members which I rarely saw on them!



Knit-for-Nowt is a charitable service based in Yorkshire which supplies hand knitted, crocheted or sewn items to those who work with vulnerable children. They're used to aid recovery from traumatic events such as abuse, neglect, bereavement or other serious problems, and have also been found to be a very

effective way of helping children communicate with adult helpers. There are long waiting lists for the puppets and worry monsters as Covid-19 has exacerbated these problems. They are donated to Social Work teams and Children's therapists right across the UK. Some quotes follow below:

Sheffield Fostering Support worker

Just got the puppets WOW!

Really can't thank you enough... lots of interest from other members of staff...! Will be taking the puppets to ...the Fostering Women's Support Group tonight. Please pass on my grateful thanks to the amazingly talented 'Knit for Nowts'

Sheffield Children's Involvement Manager

We have received the puppets and they're BRILLIANT!!

A colleague took some out yesterday to do some work with a child and said they worked really well – they had a lot of fun with them talking about a really difficult topic. So a great big thank you to you and all your knitters, we're very grateful!!

People from the village who have knitted for the project include Adrienne Kay, Di McDonald & Hilary Maldon but there may be others who I don't know about. If you feel able to help the charity Knit-for-Nowt would love to hear from you, whether it's to tell them that you knit, crochet or sew but also for general enquiries about the scheme you can email Clare Allan on [knitfornowt@gmail.com](mailto:knitfornowt@gmail.com) or chat to one of us.

Pat Goodall



## Carnival 2.0

### June 20-26, 2021

It's back! Plans for Grindleford Carnival 2021 are underway and this time it's virtual. Whilst we can't have many of the usual events, some we can if they go online or meet social distancing requirements.

We're looking to organise carnival week for June 20 to June 26 this year, slightly later than usual so we can potentially take advantage of the country opening up.

We're already working on the raffle and an auction of promises, with proceeds going to the playground revamp project. If you can offer a raffle prize or a promise for the auction please get in touch with Bev Shephard - [bevshephard@outlook.com](mailto:bevshephard@outlook.com).

So put the date in your diaries, get in touch if you can help, and keep an eye on the Grindleford Village Facebook page for more news.

Kate – [kaxelby@hotmail.com](mailto:kaxelby@hotmail.com)

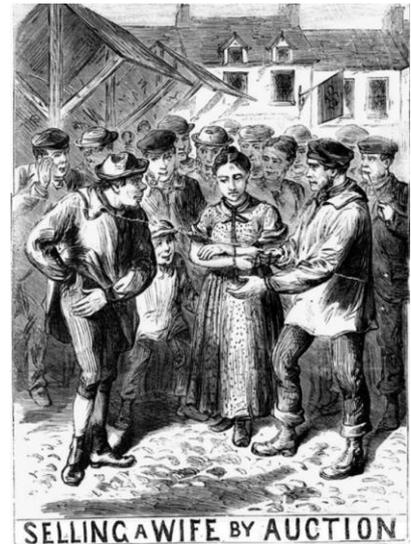
# Wife Selling

An old Sheffield street ballad went -

‘In Sheffield market, I declare  
This true upon my life,  
A cotton spinners t’other day,  
By auction sold his wife.’”

What is all this about selling wives you ask?

In 1796 a John Lees led his wife to market wearing a halter and sold her to a Samuel Hall for 6d and it is recorded that he was charged a toll of 4d for the sale! The last recorded wife sale occurred in 1822 when a hatter sold his wife for “five shillings and a gold watch” and I am pleased to say it is recorded that the wife was “nothing loath to transfer.”



It was not until 1857 that the first divorce courts were set up and prior to that it could cost up to £15,000 (at today’s value) to obtain the necessary private Act of Parliament. So “The Wife Sale” by selling your partner to someone else allowed working class couples to be publicly separated. The practice dates back to at least the early sixteenth century, although some historians believe it to be Anglo-Saxon in origin.

There are at least 108 documented cases from 1837 to 1901 but actual total is between 300 and 400. Wife selling occurred throughout the land, it was a common practice in Derbyshire, but Yorkshire seemed to have been particularly keen on the tradition and accounted for almost a quarter of all documented cases.

Many wives were taken to market in a manner to show that they were for sale. This could involve the husband leading her to a public meeting place, such as a marketplace or a tavern, usually with a halter around her neck to resemble livestock. Sometimes ribbons were used to symbolise ropes and harnesses, but not always. The sale would have been advertised beforehand to drum up interest and occasionally an auctioneer would oversee the event. Some sales would have been a more private affair that took place down the pub, but it was important for there to be witnesses and the husband would extol his soon to be ex-wife’s virtues or pay the town crier to shout them out!

A sale was often concluded with the husband and the buyer spitting on their hands to seal the deal, money was exchanged and it was usual for the parties to retire to the pub where it was expected that the husband bought a round of drinks from his proceeds of sale. It was also usual for the ex-wife to hand back her wedding ring.

Wife-selling husbands emphasised their wives’ finer points in pre-auction priming. But some were shockingly honest in describing their lots to crowds of bidders.

Consider how the wife-selling husband of a woman described by one observer as “a spruce, lively, buxom damsel” presented his wife to potential bidders (The Times, April 26, 1832):

*“Gentlemen, I have to offer to your notice my wife ... whom I mean to sell to the highest and fairest bidder. Gentlemen, it is her wish as well as mine to part for ever. She has been to me only a bosom serpent. I took her for my comfort, and the good of my house, but she became my tormentor, a domestic curse, a night invasion, and a daily devil . . . . Now I have shown you the dark side of my wife, and told you her faults and her failings; I will now introduce the bright and sunny side of her, and explain her qualifications and goodness. She can read novels and milk cows; she can laugh and weep with the same ease that you could take a glass of ale when thirsty . . . . She can make butter and scold the maid, she can sing Moore’s melodies, and plait her frills and caps; she cannot make rum, gin, or whiskey; but she is a good judge of the quality from long experience tasting them. I therefore offer her with all her perfections and imperfections, for the sum of 50s.”*

In some cases, husbands’ honesty more likely reflected the fact that their wives’ imperfections were readily observable. Thus a husband in York whose wife, according to one observer, “*appeared to be on the wrong side of 50; has lost one leg, and has a wooden substitute,*” was probably unable to avoid mentioning these features at her sale.

Sometimes sales were advertised in the local press such as this one from the late eighteenth century “

*“To be sold for Five Shillings, my Wife, Jane Hebbard. She is stoutly built, stands firm on her posterns, and is sound wind and limb. She can sow and reap, hold a plough, and drive a team, and would answer any stout able man, that can hold a tight rein, for she is damned hard mouthed and headstrong; but if properly managed, would either lead or drive as tame as a rabbit. She now and then makes a false step. Her husband parts with her because she is too much for him.*  
— *Enquire of the Printer. N.B. All her body clothes will be given with her.*”

Although described as a “scandalous and illegal practice”, the vast majority of these sales were carried out with the full and enthusiastic consent of the wife. Research of wife sales from 1760 to 1880 found only four had occurred against the wife’s wishes. This makes sense when you consider a sale was regarded as legally binding and the wife may have wanted out every bit as much as her husband. In fact wife sales were an amicable way for two unhappy partners to part and start afresh.

Unfortunately, there are few local recorded instances in Derbyshire but examples included:

- 5th December 1772 Thomas Bott sold his wife for 18d after ratifying the sale in the local pub.
- A man sold at Chesterfield Market exchanged his wife for a sheep dog and a bale of hay.
- In 1899 Thomas Johnson sold his first wife to a chimney sweep from New Mills of 1s 6d. The elderly Mr. Johnson was convicted for bigamy having married twice.
- In Sheffield there were a number of highly publicised wife sales which included the formalities of a signed and witnessed bill of sale. In 1887 it was recorded “*At*

*the Royal Oak in Sheffield, Abraham Boothroyd agreed to sell his wife Clara to William Hall, both of Sheffield, for the sum of 5 shillings.*” William Hall is described as a bankrupt fish dealer whilst the ex-husband proceeded to spend the 5 shillings on gin. Poor Clara.

Crucially, an auctioned “wife was able to exercise a veto” over her sale. For an exchange to occur, her “consent was essential”, and “in many instances the wife appears to have been retained because she did not like her purchaser”. When a wife vetoed a transaction, the auction would end. Or, if she was willing, her husband could immediately auction her again to the remaining bidders. For example, as a report from Manchester in 1824 described one case of wife veto, “*after several biddings she was knocked down for 5s; but not liking the purchaser, she was put up again for 3s and a quart of ale.*”

The necessity of wives’ consent to be sold to new husbands explains the happiness many wives displayed at their sales’ conclusion. After being sold at Smithfield market, one “*woman declared it was the happiest moment of her life.*” Another wife sold on the 12th November 1790 “*appeared overjoyed at the change.*” There are many examples of the wife being purchased by her lover and was thus achieving happiness. Often in such cases the “transaction” would be prearranged with all parties happy with the outcome.

*Let be, yer rogue. I will be sold. I wants a change.”*  
— *Mattie, an unhappy wife, to her husband, c. 1830*

Although wife sales were not legal in English law, they were popularly believed by those who participated in them to be a legal and valid form of divorce. This belief was often due to the public officials of whom most turned a blind eye to them. Indeed, one early nineteenth-century newspaper concluded “from the frequency of such occurrences” that England’s magistrates “must either be ignorant or negligent of their duty” (The Times, February, 25, 1832).

Those that did try to enforce the law often found it difficult to do so - a magistrate in Ashbourne tried to prevent a sale only to be pelted with objects and driven off by the crowd!

Wives selling their husbands did occur but there are only about 6 cases from the 19th century and sadly no details were recorded.

A lady from Kings Lynn in 2017 advertised her husband on Facebook as follows:-

*“I don’t want no money he is FREE. He is house-trained and toilet-trained. First to collect!”*

No sale went through and this may be attributable to the 30 day return period but I am pleased to say they remain happily married.

Finally, to bring matters up to date with a seasonal touch a lady from Hamburg in 2018 realised on the run in to Christmas that her relationship was not working out - so she advertised “Husband Used” on eBay for collection on Christmas Day or Boxing Day. Sadly the sale never went through although there was much interest!

Mike Willis, 2020



# The Grindleford Community Shop

## ST HELENS CHURCH AND GRINDLEFORD CHURCH CAFÉ COLLABORATION

We reported a while back the amazing news that St Helens and the shop had secured a grant for £25,000 from the Diocese, to support a very ambitious project which includes replacing and insulating the whole church roof, last done in 1907 so slightly overdue; greening up our energy sources; putting a café area into the back of the nave of the church, renewing the suite of doors to provide welcome to the shop and Lady Chapel, renovating the beautiful front doors, improving access, revamping the interior of the existing shop and providing a modern kitchen for shop and church to share, so that both will be better able to support their purpose. It's all very exciting; it's all going to be hard work; it's all going to be monumentally worth it.

When the project is complete, which will take two to three years although with substantial progress this year and early next year, St Helens, with the community shop nestling in its northern vestry, will be an open access centre for all sorts of day time activities. We'll be working with our sister venue, the Pavilion, to make sure there is always the perfect space for you. Our new vicar, Paul, has a great vision for the church to be a hub for different things happening alongside each other, and the community of Grindleford is hereby warmly invited to come and join in, whether you are a churchgoer or not. Hub, thrive, centre, community; choose your word, or add some more.

If you want to make us really happy, come down when the café is open (we hope, by the end of May) and hang out with your Grindleford chums over a coffee or two. We can host your work meetings or your mid-morning breaks. In fact, the space will be there for everyone to use as they wish, and of course we will have our lovely outside garden under the spreading branches of the old oak tree etc, with a new suite of furniture this year.

It's been a long old haul through the winter, but spring is here, the clocks have gone forward, at least one bird is on the wing and it's all starting to feel pretty good. Watch out for regular updates on how we are getting on. We are currently climbing up a vertical learning curve, finding out about air source heat pumps and solar panels. Whoo-hoo!

On a slightly sadder note, we are saying goodbye to Andrew Battye as he takes advantage of opportunities to travel. Andrew has been with us for a number of years and is so much a part of the shop it's hard to imagine it without him! We hope he will be a familiar face on a volunteer basis, so you can still get some homespun wisdom on – well, almost anything, and he will still no doubt be continuing to champion environmental issues. Meanwhile we have a new recruit to work

alongside Sarah, her name is Claire and she lives in Eyam. Claire will be joining us on 19 April. We are sure she will get a good ol' Grindleford welcome from you all. Taking a step back from all that, we might reflect that Grindleford Shop does many things but one thing it doesn't do is stand still. From 2014 when we opened with Carolyn's garden furniture, a couple of scavenged fridges and Sarah's airing cupboard shelving for a veg rack, we have come on a long way. We're even a little bit famous. In June we will have been open for seven years, and with things shaping up as they are, can hope to still be finding new things to do in our lovely village in seven or even seventeen more.

It's customary at this point to thank the church – thank you St Helens! Particularly the PCC and Paul, who have been amazingly visionary and accommodating about what can be achieved. We are really looking forward to working together. And the volunteers – thank you, volunteers! You know who you are. You have frozen your way through this winter, donned masks and soldiered on to make sure we didn't have to close the shop. Even more than ever it's been a sterling effort and, as we have said many times, the shop IS our volunteers and our customers and we are really rather proud of you all.

Off we go then! All aboard....



## Playground Update

Now the consultation has concluded our focus is fundraising. We've raised £8837 since December, and we now know we'll need £35,000, which is quite a sum.

Donations from the community are vital in showing that we have support for the playground and this makes a tangible difference to our success rates with the Trusts and Foundations we're beginning to approach whilst we're limited in what else we can do. If you would like to donate, here's the link for the crowd funder campaign: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/a-new-playground-for-grindleford>

If you've already donated, one of the other ways you can help is by speaking to your employer to see whether they'd be willing to give. One of our Grindleford residents works for global marketing agency LEWIS for example. After a year of COVID, LEWIS realised that many fundraising initiatives and charities are struggling for

funds – some smaller causes are on the point of collapse. LEWIS wanted to mobilise everyone within their business to find these organisations and to help them - with monetary donations and/or its marketing expertise to help them activate their cause and attract more funding. LEWIS 'employees were invited to apply for a £1,000 donation on behalf of a local cause that's important to them. The Grindleford Playing Fields Association is one of many local causes to benefit from this initiative, specifically the fundraising currently underway to provide new play facilities in the village, for which we're very grateful.

If you fancy putting pen to paper to help Bev with funding bids, please do get in touch on 01433 639449. We'd also love to hear from people interested in helping with community fundraising events, as hopefully, with a route out of the covid restrictions, it won't be too long before we're in a position to see one another again. A huge thank you to everyone who has donated so far. We really appreciate your support.



## When We Re-Open.....

The roadmap out of lockdown has dates which are far from certain. "Normal" may be a long way ahead. At the earliest full re-opening of our Pavilion and Playing field facilities would be at the end of June.

We are looking forward to welcoming established user groups back as well as a few new ones. The Pavilion has had a major refurbishment in the meantime, so we hope you can soon come and enjoy the upgraded facilities.

We still have capacity for groups who would like to start new activities. These new activities will probably include: Art club and Supper club, but others we could foresee might be Craft club, Computer sessions, Board Game club, Sewing club, History group - or any others that you want to organise. There needs to be sufficient interest of course to make running activities worthwhile. We would welcome your feedback on any of these and your suggestions.

We also hope to be able to have an event during the summer to celebrate putting our new facilities into full use.



## *Grindleford*

# Allotments

Unable to meet in person, allotment members did what the rest of the world has been doing and held our 2021 AGM via Zoom.

We looked back on an unusual year but one in which, even after a very late frost in May last year and some serious vandalism, the allotments ended up in good shape.

Despite restrictions, some essential maintenance work was completed and the wildflower meadow was sown in the orchard area but we were unable to hold our Open Day, our annual barbecue or show off our produce at the Horticultural Show.

Like many small organisations, we have found our resources squeezed so this year there is a small increase in plot rents.



New spring growth

If restrictions continue to be eased, we hope our project groups can reconvene. We also agreed to support the project to plant trees/shrubs along the wall at the top of the field, by the road, with the loan of our strimmer for clearing the area for planting.

The allotments flooded again this year, with most of the water flowing off Main Road, causing further damage to the track down from the road. It was agreed that we would contact the Council about clearing gullies and approach other parties with an interest in the path in order to do repairs.

With spring weather, the allotments will be busy again as we begin planting for that bumper harvest we all hope for!

Colleen Gray



Fortunately for us, the bulbs planted in 2019 have survived without any input from our gardeners and are providing a nice foreground for our new National Trust boards.

We may not have been able to do much at the station in 2020 but at national level there has been a major announcement of £37 million of government investment that will deliver more capacity and improve connectivity between Sheffield and Manchester. Network Rail is now finalising designs that will remove bottlenecks on the line by creating places for fast passenger trains to overtake slower moving freight trains, allowing more trains to run and increasing reliability of services. The work will improve sections of railway between Bamford Station and Juggers Lane Bridge in Hathersage and around Topley and Dore Station where a second platform will also be added. Work is expected to start in 2022 and be completed in 2023.



As more people may start to use the rail services from Grindleford Station, please be aware that the way to pay for parking changed on March 7<sup>th</sup>. You now have to use the RingGo app, register online at [www.RingGo.co.uk](http://www.RingGo.co.uk) or call 113 809 0070. There is no convenience fee to use this service and no need to display a ticket.

This report is being written before any announcement about the relaxing of restrictions but FOGS members are hoping to meet again in April to resume some gardening activities. We made a start on the new bed on platform 2 planting shrubs and winter flowers in November thanks to a generous grant from the National Garden Scheme. We were pleased to receive grants from northern, our parish council and donations from a collecting can at Grindleford station cafe. Our aim is to supplement the garden with plants that are good for pollinators and Peak Park and the National Trust may help with heathers and bilberries. We would welcome additional help with looking after this communal garden. Please get in touch via [Friends of Grindleford Station - Home | Facebook](http://Friends of Grindleford Station - Home | Facebook) or phone 639981.



The National Trust posters installed on the platform will hopefully encourage more visitors to explore our area by using the train rather than car in the months ahead.

# *Grindleford*

## Horticultural Society

It's that wonderful time of the year when bird song and frog croaks fills the air, the sap is rising & new growth happens in front of your eyes. The most beautiful time of the year. For gardeners it's time to get busy and enjoy the unfurling of leaves and blossom! Start with spring cleaning the borders, feed roses, beds, bushes and trees with general purpose fertilizer. Prune winter flowering jasmine and hydrangeas. Get roses pruned before the middle of April. Wait 6 weeks before cutting back daffodils and spring flowering bulbs' foliage so the goodness goes back into the bulb. Sow broad beans, early peas, potatoes, leeks, brassicas, parsley, hardy herbs and hardy annuals (those that tolerate possible frosts) outdoors in April but wait another few weeks before sowing tender annuals outdoors, though they'll reward you if you start them off in a greenhouse or windowsill this month.



The NGS has been offering on-line tours and talks throughout the pandemic. [ngs.org.uk](http://ngs.org.uk). Members are keen to open their gardens to the public in coming months. It makes a lovely afternoon out looking at other people's projects. Nearby suggestions include Cascades Gardens at Bonsall Matlock, The Paddock at Whittington Moor (25 April), 12 Water Lane Matlock (22 & 23 May), Thornbridge Hall (18 May), Bramblewood, Bradfield (23 May). Tissington Hall (31 May). Do check as some require pre-booking.

(Lea Gardens)

Other stunning local gardens include Lea Gardens, for the range of rhododendrons, Felley Priory, Renishaw Hall, Haddon Hall and of course Chatsworth gardens. Biddulph Grange in Staffordshire (National Trust) makes a good day trip and has a stunning display of tulips, intriguing and quirky landscaping. All these gardens offer delicious food and drink too!



(Photo National Trust)

If you manage to get a staycation check out local gardens open to the public- from the grand to the simple they're a source of wonder and inspiration.

So the big question for the GHS committee is whether we can hold the show on 21 August?



We can reassure the village that we sincerely hope so! Clearly it will be subject to national guidelines and infection rates. However we're anticipating a simpler, scaled-down show but one that can involve novice and experienced gardeners alike, and a place to demonstrate your efforts and talents - in arts, crafts and baking as well as gardening. We'll be able to update you in the next episode of the Grindleford News. In the meantime get gardening and enjoy getting your hands dirty. Stop to observe the bees, butterflies and find newts and pond creatures. Don't forget to lift your eyes to our beautiful surroundings!

Finally, we need help with the running of the society and the show, so please understand your contribution would be greatly appreciated. Do get in touch! [kay.allinson1@btinternet.com](mailto:kay.allinson1@btinternet.com)

## The Maynard embraces alfresco April

In line with government guidelines The Maynard will be opening it's beautiful gardens on the 12<sup>th</sup> April. A heated marquee will be erected to accommodate up to 30 diners for cold evenings or adverse weather. A new menu will be launched on this date bringing spring and summer flavours with food from local suppliers. Acoustic live music will take place on a Sunday afternoon (weather dependent) to lift everyone's spirits. Table bookings are advisory and we can accommodate up to 6 people on each table, from multiple households.



	<u>Opening times</u>	<u>Food service times</u>
Monday – Friday	11am – 10pm	12pm – 8pm
Saturday & Sunday	9am – 10pm	9am – 8pm

The bar, restaurant and hotel will be open from 17<sup>th</sup> May. Wedding & events bookings are being taken for dates from 21<sup>st</sup> June.

To make a booking email [enjoymore@the-maynard.com](mailto:enjoymore@the-maynard.com) or visit [www.the-maynard.com](http://www.the-maynard.com)

# Peter's Page

## *News from the District Council*



### News from DDDC

The Council Tax bills have now arrived. The DDDC part has increased by 2.3% (Derbyshire County Council's by 2.5%). I did suggest it should be frozen this year, to reflect the financial difficulties many families have faced, but at least the rise was kept as low as possible. There is a scheme to support families on low incomes with their Council Tax, phone 01629 818222 for details.

An initiative I am supporting is increasing the biodiversity of our road verges. A pilot project will be underway soon between Sandy Lane and Abney Lane at Leadmill. If this goes well, I'm hopeful that some of the verges in and around the village itself will also be able to benefit.

Also on the "green front", I'm optimistic that there will fairly soon be electric vehicle charging points at the Oddfellows Road car park in Hathersage. Bringing them to Grindleford is a little more challenging, but our wonderful Community Shop and Church team have a project in mind, and local resident Tom Ricketts is providing expert advice to myself and other interested partners.

Residents in Upper Padley will be only too aware that the noise and disturbance at the station yard continues, despite some improvements put in place by Network Rail. I am continuing to press them for a proper "plan", with landscaping and a permanent power supply – and to see if they intend to use the area for the Hope Valley rail upgrade project.

My Local Project grant scheme has money available now, with our Playgroup and the Playground Appeal set to benefit. If you are interested, either contact myself or visit [www.derbyshiredales.gov.uk](http://www.derbyshiredales.gov.uk) and look for Local Project Fund.

I hope the green garden refuse bin collection goes well, now that we have to pay for it. Any problems, let me know! You can still sign up for it (£50 a year) by telephoning 01629 761223.

Finally, it's election time again, for the County Council. Please make sure you cast your vote on May 6th, either by post (phone 01629 761335 for an application form) or at the Bishop Pavilion as usual.

Stay safe!

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# Grindleford Parish Council

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## The new Parish Council website



John Mottershaw has set up a new, accessible, in fact downright beautiful website for the Parish Council which is well worth a look.

<https://grindlefordparishcouncil.co.uk/>

You will find all the minutes of past meetings posted on there, but as we all know minutes are dusty old things, so Mr Battarbee has started to do a brief and mercifully light in tone summary of each meeting. These will keep you up to date on what the Parish Council is up to.

Planning applications and permissions can most easily be found on the Peak Park planning portal <https://portal.peakdistrict.gov.uk>, but details are also in the minutes of the meetings.

Just picking out a few highlights since the last News;

- The article asking for views on whether or not to raise the Parish precept (the amount of money raised through tax to fund the Parish Council) in order to boost funding for the proposed new playground and other village projects attracted 46 responses. 39 were pro some sort of raise, two absentions and five in favour of no raise. The Parish Council decided that there had not been enough time between the News coming out and the decision having to be made, so agreed to raise the Precept by the usual 2% and revisit it in the summer in time for 2022.
- There have been considerable efforts to contact the Environment Agency about flooding and another meeting, socially distanced, was held in the Jubilee Gardens with an EA representative, to discuss the technicalities of lowering the

level so that the floodwater returned promptly to the river. We await a proposal from EA, and also more information about changes to draw-down rules from the reservoir. Flooding will be discussed at the June meeting of the Council if anyone would like to attend. The Parish Council has also written to the leader of Derbyshire Council Council asking for his views.

- The Grindleford Traffic Group has met several times to consider, in the main, parking and speeding. Applications to the County Council to join the “20s Plenty” scheme have met with deaf ears, as have other applications from other villages. Joint representation by several villages is now being pursued to progress this.



- The Parish Council has written asking for a replacement crossing patrol. Headcounts taken in 2017 and during the lockdown at the start of the year suggested insufficient numbers, but it is clear that a great many children would use a crossing, so a recount has been promised. Councillors who are also school governors are talking to the school to get an idea of numbers. If there is no success, a self funding scheme may be necessary. Councillors are all pretty clear that a crossing is required, on that busy and fastmoving bit of the main road.
- The constant battle with Network Rail continues with regard to disruption to local residents at the station. We believe Network Rail’s intentions are good, but they have so far been long on promises and short on actual outcomes, so discussions continue.

For other news about the Parish Council’s activities do take a look at the website <https://grindlefordparishcouncil.co.uk/> There are lots of articles of interest in there written by Councillors, and a contact us form if you are interested in asking any questions.

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## What's In a Footpath? Or, "When David met Goliath"

"This footpath commences about a quarter of a mile from Grindleford Station, on the road to Grindleford Bridge, beside a barn about 40 yards below the Maynard Arms Hotel. Pursuing an easterly direction uphill, it crosses three fields, and on the far side of a newly cut road, near Tedgness Farm, it zigzags through Oaks Wood. Affording fine views of the Derwent Valley (towards Bamford and Hope) and of the striking nearer "tors" of Carlwark and Higgarr and the shapely hills beyond, it eventually takes a straighter course beside a brook on White's Moor and emerges on the Froggatt Edge highway, about 400 yards north of the Grouse Inn, at an altitude of 1,054 feet. The total length of the path is 2,180 yards."

[The *Derby Daily Telegraph*, of 14th August 1912]

This account describes what at the time (1912) would have made the news as the "**Great Grindleford Footpath Dispute**", when a quarry owner and local councillor, **James Outram**, fought, and won a case brought against him by a member of the Maynard family. In fact, the fortunes of the families and the Maynards well have been linked for several centuries prior to our proceedings. As long ago as 1st March 1810, **Robert Outram**, a Farmer and Horse Dealer of Nether Padley made a Will in which he *humbly requested his worthy Landlord Anthony Lax Maynard* to permit his son Edward Outram "*to occupy and enjoy the House and farm I rent of him*". Anthony Lax Maynard's own Will was proved some 15 years later, on 29th August 1825, and he in turn bequeathed "all that Manor or Lordship of Nether Padley ... and also all my Messuages, Land, Tenements, woods and hereditaments ... situate and being in Nether Padley aforesaid and at Haywood and Grindleford Bridge in the several parishes of Hope, Bakewell and Eyam... to my dear nephew **Edward Gilling Maynard**..."

It was Edward Gilling Maynard's son, **Edmund Anthony Jefferson Maynard** (1861-1931) who was to cross swords with our hero, **James Outram**, a century later. The case, which was said to have "*created considerable interest in the north of Derbyshire*", was due to be heard at the Derbyshire Assizes, which opened on 24th June 1912. Mr. Maynard was seeking for an injunction to restrain Mr. Outram from using a footpath across his land. Mr. Outram was claiming that the path was an ancient right of way, which had been in use for generations. The *Derbyshire Footpaths Preservation Society* were reported by the *Derbyshire Courier* of 25th May 1912 as supporting Mr. Outram's case, though a later publication revealed that the Society had not figured in the proceedings at trial.

The plaintiffs were the aforesaid Edmund Maynard, Samuel Osborne, and Mrs. Helen Elliott, licensee of the *Maynard Arms* Inn. The villagers evidently turned out in force to support one or other side of the case, as witnesses included Grindleford

residents Henry Robert Crossland (a county councillor); William Henry Siddall and Frank Siddall, his son (quarry workers); Robert Outram and his step-son Benjamin Wild (quarry workers); Tom Outram (water bailiff), Anthony Taylor (a gamekeeper), Charles Smith (a nurseryman), Tom White (of the Grouse Inn), Hannah Kenyon (postmistress); Henry Taylor (a woodman), Elish Ashton (a former gamekeeper), Arthur Pentelow (a former constable of Grindleford), Roger Bowring, Jonathan Rawlinson, and others. Former residents were Barbara Bailey from Rowsley, and brothers Frank and William Outram, police constables, from Chesterfield.

Reports on the hearing were published over several days in local newspapers, three of which I enclose in full. The first is largely devoted to the case for the plaintiff, the second reviews the case for the defendant, and the third provides the verdict and summing up.

1. Firstly (the longest), an account from *Derbyshire Courier* of July 6, 1912:

**Footpath Battle.**  
**Grindleford Right of Way Dispute.**  
 40 WITNESSES IN ASSIZE ACTION.  
**Judge's Visit to the Site.**

Considerable local interest has been displayed in an action respecting the question whether or not there is a public right of way across the Padley estate, from the Sheffield road and Topley road, Grindleford, which is being submitted for the decision of Lord Coleridge, at the Derbyshire Assizes.

Some 40 witnesses were in attendance when the case opened on Tuesday afternoon, and it was the general opinion that the proceedings would occupy several days.

The action is brought by Mr. Edmund A.J. Maynard, of Hoon Ridge, Hilton, the owner of the Padley estate, Samuel Osborne, the purchaser of a plot of land on the estate, and Mrs. Helen Elliott, the licensee of the Maynard Arms Inn, and the lessee of another plot, and they seek a declaration that no right of way exists, and also an injunction restraining James Outram, of Grindleford, from trespassing on the land.

The counsel concerned on the case are Mr. Hollis Walker, K.C., and Mr. C.E. Dyer, instructed by Messrs. Shipton, Halletwell and Co., Chesterfield, for the plaintiffs, and Mr. J.J. Parfitt, K.C., and Mr. L.J. Sturge, instructed by Messrs. Neal and Co., Sheffield, for the defendant.

Mr. Maynard, in the witness box, stated that his father was tenant for life of the estate, coming into the property in 1825.

He died in December, 1880, and witness became of age in February, 1882. During the time his father held the property he lived at Chesterfield, and

witness, as a boy, visited Padley on a picnic once each autumn. At that time there was no railway, and it was only a small village then.

Mr. Walker: Since the time you came of age and came into the property, how often have you visited it? - Witness: On an average, three or four times a year. I have visited for the shooting, and have stayed there with my wife and family.

Did you know that any right of way was claimed over this path until the time of this action? - No.

Have you known of people to walk along it? - Not to my recollection.

Have you had notice boards erected? - Yes, one on the barn and another at the beginning of the oaks wood.

Photographs of the position of the notice boards having been put in, Mr. Maynard said the two he had just named were erected to replace others knocked down.

#### **Mr. Maynard's Denials**

Mr. Parfitt: Have you not often met Outram on the path in 1882? - Never.

You mean that you have never met him on any portion of this disputed path at any time? - Never.

Have you been over the path with Mr. Lancashire, the surveyor? - I have been over with him in connection with a water scheme.

In March, 1898, when you were discussing those water works, I put it to you that you walked over this path with him and met other people? - Then you know better than I do.

I don't say I do, but I ask you if you did walk over this path with Mr. Lancashire and then met other people? - During my life I don't remember ever having seen anyone on that path at all.

In or before 1894 was it not this path used by people to get to the Totley road and to Dore station? - Not to my knowledge.

And this way was used by people to get to Holmesfield? - I have not seen anyone on it at all.

But the path does connect the two roads? - I don't think it does.

When you came of age did you have new notice boards erected? - Yes, and one was on the barn, the old one lying on the ground. You can assume it was in 1885 and not 1882, because I went abroad for 2½ years after I came of age.

You cannot tell me why you had these boards put up?- Perhaps it was on the advice of my agent, or because I saw the boards upon the ground.

Further questioned, Mr. Maynard replied that he had never heard that Ashton, a gamekeeper in the employ of the Duke of Rutland, had been instructed to keep people off all footpaths except for this one. As to the Haywood footpath, the only thing his father told him about Padley was that this was

### **The Old Pack Road to Chesterfield**

and consequently he was not likely to dispute that this was a public way. He denied that it was only recently that he had admitted this, but he added that it was a very steep cut up the hill and would be very difficult to traverse in winter. He agreed that the value of the land had increased considerably since the construction of the railway, but he could not say that it was worth £500 an acre.

Re-examined by Mr. Hollis Walker, Mr. Maynard stated that paving stones similar to those found on the Moss were not uncommon on the moors. They were used for the purpose of convenience in crossing boggy places.

A number of old maps, none of which showed a public footpath in the position of the disputed one, were put in, before his Lordship rose for the day.

### **County Councillor's Evidence**

Mr. Henry Crossland, C.C., of Crossland's Farm, a native of near Hathersage, who has known the neighbourhood all his life, and resided at the farm for 33 years, the house being formerly the old Maynard's Arms, was the first witness called when the hearing of the case was resumed on Wednesday. He farmed Tedgnest farm, through part of which the disputed path ran.

Mr. Dyer: Was there ever a public right of way over this path?- Not that I know of.

The members of the witness' family, his labourers, and the people residing at Tedgnest house used this path, as also did two Eyam persons, the latter being allowed to do so because they were neighbours and friends of his. After witness had spoken of instances when he

### **Had Stopped Pedestrians**

using the path - instances of which had become more numerous since the opening of the railway in 1894.

Mr. Dyer asked: Do you remember meeting a Chesterfield gentleman named Heathcote on the path?- Yes.

What was the incident?- I stopped him, and as he apologised I allowed him to proceed. He told me he had been that way lots of time before, but I replied that I had not seen him or I should have stopped him. If the people apologised I allowed them to go on, but if they did not they had to go back.

When stating there were notice boards erected on the farm when he first went there, Mr. Crossland agreed with Mr. Parfitt that there was

### **A Distinct Track**

and that the stone stiles were noticeably worn showing that they were much used.

Mr. Parfitt. To account for the state of the stones the stiles must have been used generally:- My men have used them three times a day and the quarry men too.

During your time, have not a large number of people from Eyam and Grindleford used the path to get to Dore, which was then the only station?- I have only seen two.

Was it not the general way for people to travel?- Not that I am aware of.

Some 17 or 18 years ago, after the notice boards had been replaced, Outram referred to them but the witness denied that he expressed his view that it was a public right of way and stated that the object of the notices was to frighten strangers.

Wm. Henry Siddall, tenant of the Tedgnest house and quarry, stated that during the last 17 years he had only seen "odd folks" use the disputed path, and that when the notice boards were knocked down they were replaced.

Mr. Parfitt: How long have the boards been up?- Longer than they were down. (Laughter).

### **Judge Visits the Path**

Suggesting that the case would be simplified if he visited the locality, a course welcomed by the parties concerned, his Lordship accordingly adjourned the hearing for the day for this purpose.

### **THURSDAY'S HEARING**

Frank Siddall, son of the witness of that name, gave evidence as to the existence of notice boards, and was followed by

Benjamin Wild, aged 72, who has lived at Grindleford since he was seven years old. He stated that his stepfather, Robert Outram, had the Tedgnest quarry from 1860 to 1864, and he leased it for five years prior to 1894. The path in question was regarded as a private road all the time he knew it, and he had told many strangers using it that it was not public.

The witness emphatically declared that notice-boards had been erected 50 years ago.

Tom Outram (61), water bailiff, of Grindleford, stated that up to the opening of the railway he had been in the habit of journeying across Totley Moor to get to Sheffield, but had never used the disputed path: in fact he did not know where it was until recently.

### **Garrulous Gamekeeper**

Some amusement was created by the rapid speech of Anthony Taylor, a native of Grindleford, a gamekeeper.

"Whoa, whoa", said Mr. Walker, as a torrent of words fell from Taylor's lips; "we want all that, but only in penny numbers". (Laughter.)

Taylor spoke of three notice-boards being in position, and to the one at the barn being replaced.

Mr. Parfitt: Do you know a policeman named Arthur Penelope - rather a classical name? (Laughter.)

Mr. Walker: The name is Pentelow.

Mr. Parfitt: Oh, we have got it Penelope. (More laughter.)

Evidence of four witnesses taken on commission was next read. Whilst one of these, Charles Smith, aged 75, of Leam nursery, who lived with Tom White, a previous tenant of Tedgnest farm, said he never regarded the path as a lawful one, Barbara Bailey, aged 92, of Rowsley, declared that there had always been a path from Froggatt Edge Road to Sheffield Road, and she had

### **Used it hundreds of times**

Hannah Kenyon, aged 79, of Grindleford, postmistress there for 47 years, said she had used the path as far as Tedgnast Farm, but never passed the quarry; and Roger Bowring, aged 82, a quarryman and native of Grindleford, stated that at one time there were 14 men employed at the Froggatt quarry, who all used the path without question. He had also walked over the path on the way to Totley, as also did men employed at Cammel's Dronfield Works. At one time, said this latter deponent, the lessee of the quarry, Jonathan Rawlinson by name, employed

### **Five generations of Outrams**

and three of Bowrings at different times.

An amusing reason for remembering the signboard on the barn was given by P.c. Frank Outram, of the Chesterfield County Police Force, a native of Grindleford, who lived there until he was 20 years of age.

"I am speaking of when I was a boy of seven, my lord", said the officer, turning to Lord Coleridge. "There was a heap of stones by the roadside, and I and other boys used to throw stones at the board and also at the old barn door". (Laughter.)

### **Chased by a Bull**

"And when roaming about the vicinity, I remember Mr. Crossland had a bull which made us run", he added amidst further laughter.

P.c. Wm. Outram, of Chesterfield Borough Police, corroborated his brother as to the position of the notice-board, which bore the words "No road. Trespassers will be prosecuted", and also with regard to the point that he had never seen strangers using the path.

That he had only seen the defendant and his son using the path, except the tenants on the state, was the substance of the testimony of Henry Taylor, aged 66, a woodman employed by Mr. Maynard.

Mr. Wm. H. Swaine, managing clerk to a Sheffield firm of solicitors, related how on an occasion, either in 1886 or 1887, accompanied by a friend, he walked along the path, and when nearing the barn mentioned, Mr. Crossland told them they were trespassers. After apologising they were allowed to proceed, and since then Mr. Crossland and he had been intimate friends.

### **Chesterfield Hairdresser "Caught"**

Having often walked along the path on the way to Grindleford, Mr. Ed. H. Heathcote, hairdresser, Chesterfield, told how he was "caught" by Mr. Crossland. It was on September 6th, 1908, that the latter met him and intimated that it was a private way, but after an apology and promising not to traverse it again he was permitted to proceed.

Mr. G.F. Barnes, land agent, Chesterfield, who succeeded the late Mr. Geo. Oates as agent to Mr. Maynard in 1900, stated that he had the notice-board at the Oaks Wood exit re-placed and a new one fixed to the barn entrance.

Mr. M.H. Humble, of Chesterfield, solicitor to Mr. Maynard, having offered evidence in respect to correspondence with regard to the purchase of land by Dr. Hearn, declared that never during his association with the state had he ever heard it suggested that the disputed path was a public right of way.

The measurements of the three different paths, made by Mr. W.D. Wadsworth, surveyor, Chesterfield, showed the respective lengths to be -

the Haywood path, 2,300 yards; the disputed path, 2,180 yards; and the Duke's Wood path, 2,167 yards.

This terminated the evidence on behalf of the plaintiffs.

### **The Defendant's Case**

In the course of a brief outline of the case for the defendant, Mr. Parfitt stated that whether or not there was originally a Duke's path, there was no doubt, according to the evidence he should call, that a path existed which commenced at the barn, went past Tegnest, through the oaks wood, across the stream on to Mr. Maynard's land, where, although the traces of it may not be very obvious, there were sufficient indications of a path to be a very reliable guide. The question about the other two paths seemed to him to be

### **Almost Irrelevant**

because in similar districts, and before a railway was made, public footpaths were found very near to each other, and therefore the fact that the Haywood footpath might be more or less convenient than the Duke's path, appeared to be the thinnest point possible. What he did submit was that so far as the objects seen on the disputed path - the stiles and the paving stones - they showed that having regard to the admittedly sparse population the user of them to produce their present worn condition must have been a user which extended far back before 1825. If his Lordship came to the conclusion that there was reasonable evidence to infer that there was such a user of the path after 1825, then he was perfectly entitled to infer that there was a dedication to the public before 1825. When there was such

### **A Great Conflict of Evidence**

the condition of the stones was an important point to consider. There was evidence that men employed at Cammell's works, of the quarrymen, and people desirous of getting to Dore station had used the path - he did not suggest that crowds used it because the district was sparsely inhabited, but he did submit that people did use it in the knowledge if not of Mr. Crossland or Mr. Maynard, then by the latter's implied consent, because the users had not been turned back or warned.

At this stage, the case was adjourned for the day.

2. The case was resumed on 5th July, before Mr. Justice Coleridge and a Jury, and was reported on by the *Derbyshire Advertiser*, of 12th July 1912 (p.9) as follows:

### **THE GRINDLEFORD RIGHT OF WAY CASE.**

The hearing was resumed of the right of way dispute at Totley, in which the defendant was Mr. James Outram, who, it was alleged, had trespassed upon certain land the property of the various plaintiffs. Mr. T. Hollis Walker,

K.C., and Mr. C.E. Dyer again appeared for the plaintiffs, and Mr. J.J. Parfitt, K.C., and Mr. L.J. Sturge were for the defendant. - James Outram, the defendant, who was called and examined by Mr. Parfitt, said he was a quarry owner, and had a slate quarry on the Padley-road. He was also assistant overseer for Grindleford. He was born at that place in 1865, and his father worked for his grandfather in this quarry, which was rented from the Duke of Rutland. When he was a boy, he used to take his father's meals to the quarry, and for years he had used the disputed path. The men employed at the quarry regularly used the path, and there had been no dispute until lately. The first notice board with respect to the use of the path was not put up until 1895.- Elish Ashton, who was for many years a gamekeeper on the estate, said he did not notice a board up in 1879, in fact he had never at any time seen a notice board on the path in dispute.- Arthur Pentillo said he was formerly a police-constable at Grindleford, from 1892 to 1899. The path in dispute was formerly a part of his beat, but he had never seen any notice boards warning people not to use the path. He had seen people use it regularly, and had never seen anyone turned back.- Mr. T.O. Froggatt, a colliery director, said he used the path frequently when a youth, and had never been stopped or turned back by anyone.- Mr. Bower, a farmer, said he had used the path ever since he was sixteen years of age. It was a near cut to Dore Station. It was the only path across the moor leading to Froggatt-edge.- Jos. Stubbs, Hathersage, said he had always used the path as a public footpath.- Mr. Bramwell, J.P., said he had lived at Grindleford in the summer time for the past 32 years. He had used the path regularly, and it was a recognised way to get from one part of the district to another.

Other witnesses were called of a similar character, and Mr. Parfitt, addressing the Court for the defence, asked whether there could be any doubt after hearing the evidence of old Mrs. Baker [Ed: probably the above-mentioned Barbara Bailey, of Rowsley], who was 92 years of age, that there had been user of the path prior to 1825. If his Lordship came to the conclusion that there was legal user of the path before 1825, the question of notice boards was quite irrelevant.- Mr. Hollis Walker addressed the Court, and eventually his Lordship found for the defendant, believing that the footpath was a public one.- The counter-claim was withdrawn.

3. The *Derbyshire Courier*, of Saturday 13th July 1912, under the heading of "**Old Crow's" Observations**, provided a final summing up, and a photograph of Mr Outram.

**MR. JAMES OUTRAM,**

of Grindleford, who fought the action at the Derbyshire Assizes resulting, last week, in the failure of a local landlord to close a footpath which was held to be a right of way



Lovers of rural Derbyshire, more particularly those who know the joys of penetrating the verdant beauty of its charming dales, and of climbing its steep hills to feast the eyes on the sweeping landscapes, will feel that to some extent they are under an obligation to one who has recently risked the heavy costs of failure in a litigation, besides having gone to considerable personal trouble, in order to preserve to the public the right of way through one of the loveliest parts of the country. I refer of course, to the Grindleford footpath dispute, and the victory of Mr. James Outram, the plaintiff in the case, will be hailed everywhere with delight, as the court's verdict for him is in effect, a verdict for the public. The Padley Wood case goes to show how easily popular right may be lost by easy submission to landowners who, acting on an assumed privilege, close up paths, which for years have been used by the public. It is only by the strict investigation and determined action of such men as Mr. Outram, and the vigilance of such organisations as the Footpath Preservation Society, that more of our magnificent stretches of country are not slowly shut off from the quiet stroller. Not the least pleasing feature of this last vindication of public rights is that it preserves an ideal track of land by which the walker who arrives by train gain access to appoint overlooking the Derwent Valley which has a distinct Alpine suggestion. It is to be hoped that the communal title to what is left of field paths will be as carefully watched in other parts of the country.

The last word must go to the *Derby Daily Telegraph* of 14th August 1912, where we find the footpath described in the greater scheme of things:

Although it is somewhat difficult to link up the connection thoroughly with the past, it is claimed, and since the trial little doubt is felt, that the route is one of the historic Derbyshire bridle routes. It crosses the Derwent at the old Grindle ford (near the present bridge), and beyond and over the much-frequented sandy Sir William road to Bretton and Great Hucklow, and thence to Tideswell and Buxton. Southwards it is connected with the Totley Moss and Abbeydale bridle way to Beauchief and Sheffield, also with the Bradway and Ridgeway roads and the route from Holmesfield to Barlow and Chesterfield; all of these existed 100 years before the present coach and motor roads in the locality, which were made nearly 100 years ago. Before

the opening of the Dore and Chinley line (about 22 years ago) the Totley Moss and White's Moor route was the general way from Dore and Totley Station, and was followed by the past generation of Sheffield walkers taking their weekends in the near Peak... At the trial [the] plaintiffs... endeavoured to show that residents had only been given permissive right to follow the path as a near cut, and that the public had not been allowed to use the route since the property came into the possession of the Maynard family in 1825... After hearing the evidence given on behalf of Mr. Outram, Mr. Justice Coleridge had the enterprise himself to examine the old stiles and the line of bridle stones which, near the Grindleford end of the path, form the foundation of a stone wall beside the track, and higher up for 280 yards along the sodden moss of White's Moor. His decision, as stated, was in favour of the public right.

The biggest surprise to me is that the path had been in regular use, not only by generations of quarrymen to reach Tedgeness Quarry, but by those seeking to reach Dore Station, and for work in Dronfield. I find myself wondering how long their journeys would have taken! No wonder the Totley Tunnel gained much favour, when it was opened! As an aside, and from another source, the aforementioned Henry Robert Crossland, is cited as buying the first two train tickets from the newly opened Grindleford station, to travel to Sheffield! [*The Hope Valley Line: Dore To Chinley*] (Vol 1), by Ted Hancock © 2019, Pynot Publishing]

Transcriptions from Old Newspapers by Rosemary Lockie, March 2021.

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## Lockdown Thank You

I would like to thank our dogs, Dyson and Lucy, for insisting on taking me for a daily walk throughout Lockdown, without them I would have lacked the motivation to get out and about and would have missed out on the pleasures of our fantastic countryside. A big thank you too to the other dog walkers for tolerating the sometimes less than perfect behaviour of Dyson and Lucy (the theft of balls and the occasional grumpiness) and who, by stopping to have a socially distanced chat, preserved my sanity.

Mary Wren

***If you would like to publicly thank anyone (human or animal!) for their support during the last year please let the News know.***

# Grindleford Primary School

## PTA

After the year we've had we're trying to think of new, different ways in which we can raise funds for our school.

Since January the school have been having Well-being Wednesday's where the children are encouraged to take time away from screens and engage in relaxing, creative activities. In conjunction with this we're looking to get the children engaged in gardening.

We're looking to buy a greenhouse and other gardening paraphernalia and to encourage the children to be enterprising, to grow and nurture produce from seed and to look to raise funds from their efforts.

The benefits of gardening are widely acknowledged and have helped so many people over this last year and we think this will be a very positive project for the children.

Please could you be so kind as to consider supporting us in financing this project? If you think you can help, then please contact Beccy Ibbotson at the school office

([beccy@grindlefordprimaryschool.co.uk](mailto:beccy@grindlefordprimaryschool.co.uk)).

Thank you very much in anticipation of your support.

The School PTA

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# *Grindleford* Primary School

## LOCKDOWN – WHAT LOCKDOWN?!

Well....What a funny old year we have all had! I cannot quite believe that it has been a full year since the school was initially ‘closed’. As you may all know, the school has stayed open during all the lockdowns we have had this year to help support critical workers and vulnerable children. These experiences were quite strange – it is not normal for a school to be so quiet! I am really happy that all the children are now back in school and settling in to some sort of ‘normality’ again.

May I take this opportunity to publically thank all the wonderful staff at the school? I hope that they all know how proud I am of them, but sometimes it needs to be said in a wider environment. From the start of lockdown 3 on January 5<sup>th</sup> 2021, the whole school was online and working hard. This just goes to show that as a school we have continued to build on our fantastic OUTSTANDING ICT OFSTED inspection of previous years.

All three classes were able to access high quality work, set just as though the children were still in school (with a few tweaks here and there!). The children had online access throughout the full day and could interact with their teacher’s whenever they wanted to. The work was marked, commented on and returned daily and opportunities for 1:1 instruction and stretching was also in place.

It was only after attending quite a few virtual Headteacher meetings where I fully realised just what an amazing job the staff and school did. Hardly any other schools managed to deliver what we did and that fact really does need celebrating and shouting from the roof tops!

On the same note, our children and all their parents also need celebrating as, my word, you didn’t half work hard during this last lockdown! As a result of this we have very few children who need ‘catch up’ work as they were all working extremely hard, just as they would do in school. How fantastic is that?

It also goes without saying that due to the incredibly hard work of our school PTA over many, many years, we were incredibly fortunate to have enough chrome books to be able to make sure that every child had access to their own machine to work on whilst at home. Without all the fundraising that happens for the school, we wouldn’t have been able to facilitate this access to learning – so for all those people, past, present and hopefully future.....a massive thank you!

So..... ***Can you help?***

As the year has been so disrupted our usual fundraising activities have had to be cancelled, like Afterschool Provision, Spooky Walks and Discos. We had also advertised in the January 2020 edition of the Grindleford News that we would be holding a Summer Auction, to build on the massive success of our last school auction, which also had to unfortunately be postponed due to lockdown 1. Now, it has had to be cancelled due to very unfortunate clashing with other fundraising in the village. Many, many thanks to all the businesses and friends of the school for all the incredible donations and promises that had already been donated. We will keep these incredibly safe and utilise them later on in the year.

In light of all of this, would you like to become a ***'Friend of Grindleford Primary School'***?

***Did you attend school 40 years ago? Did you see your children through the school at some point in the past? Are you a past pupil who would like to give something back?***

If so, the PTA are setting up a **donations sub account** to help keep the school running and staffing 3 classes, whilst providing high quality equipment and experiences. If you would like to help fund this, then you can either do a one-off donation into the account or maybe even a few pounds every month as a direct debit? In the word of a major supermarket (other supermarkets are available – as well as our lovely local shop!) every penny really does count!

If you think you are able to help then please contact the school for further information either by email [info@grindlefordprimaryschool.co.uk](mailto:info@grindlefordprimaryschool.co.uk) or on 01433 630528.

Thank you so much in advance for all your continued support and encouragement towards keeping our happy, thriving, village school alive.

Mrs Boulton

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## Grindleford and Eyam Playgroup

Hello everyone,

We hope you are all well and enjoying our beautiful countryside.

We've had a really busy start to the year. Playgroup has been open throughout this latest lockdown providing children and families with a much needed slice of routine and normality. We have been able to continue our weekly adventures to the allotment and the local woodland, watching as the world around us transitions from Winter to Spring.



The children are quick to spot the first signs of new growth. Magnifying glasses have been very popular this term.



We have also enjoyed making bird feeders, decorating the notice board with printed blossom, planting seeds to take home and taking story time outside.

Our visits to the allotment now include a check on the frog spawn in the pond.

The children are eager to see if they will be the first to spot a tadpole. Stories and jigsaws back at playgroup help the children talk about and understand this exciting transformation.



We are beginning to look at admissions for 2021/2022. If you would like your child to join our playgroup team then please visit our website and complete the application form so we can add your details to our waiting list. Children can join us from their second birthday and we have spaces available every day. We would love you to join in the fun.

### Do you shop at your local Co-op?

By becoming a member and selecting playgroup as your cause you can support us while shopping. The Local Community fund donates 2p for every £1 spent.

<https://membership.coop.co.uk/causes/48834>



A reminder that we continue to collect clothes for Recycle4School. We have a box at playgroup, so if you are planning a Spring clean please think of us! Clothes can be brought to the pavilion or get in touch to arrange collection.

We are also collecting printer cartridges so if you have any around or know of a local business who may have some please contact us.

Email [gepsupervisor@hotmail.com](mailto:gepsupervisor@hotmail.com) to get in touch about any of these items

Remember you can follow us on Facebook or visit our website for more information

<https://www.facebook.com/Grindleford-and-Eyam-Playgroup-384845434973898/>

<https://grindlefordandeyamplaygroup.org.uk/>

# Grindleford Tree Planting Group

Grindleford Tree Planting Group formed in 2019 as part of Hope Valley Climate Action, enabling us to link up with other similar groups across the Hope Valley. We continue to meet regularly on Zoom and always welcome new people. The aim is to bring community members and groups together to increase the number of native species of trees and hedges in the village – hopefully at least one tree for every Grindleford resident.

## **WHY BOTHER?**

*Biodiversity is critical to our lives. Species, and the ecosystems they form, make all aspects of human life possible. We depend on the natural services healthy ecosystems provide for every breath of air and every mouthful of food. Our whole society and agricultural system relies on the biodiversity of pollinators, soil organisms, natural predators of crop pests and many more.*

*Trees and woodland ecosystems in particular provide clean air, offer protection from flooding, and store carbon - vital if we're to prevent catastrophic climate breakdown. In Great Britain, the value of trees alone for flood protection is estimated to be £6.5 billion.*

*Biodiversity also enriches our lives. We value the chance to get close to nature, and there's a growing mountain of evidence to show that green spaces are good for our mental and physical well-being.*

<https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/trees-woods-and-wildlife/british-trees/why-trees-are-important-for-biodiversity/>

Of course, it is important that the right trees are planted in the right places. We need to protect all valuable habitats (for example wetlands) and plant native trees only in places that will enhance the environment, including replacing ones which have been felled.

Together we can help to tackle the Climate Crisis, increase biodiversity and increase our awareness of native trees, what to plant where and how to look after our trees in the long term.

Some of you may have seen the National Countryfile project which aims to see a tree planted for every child starting school this year – we will add our planting projects into their total.

## **PROJECTS SO FAR**

We are excited to report that great progress has been made with projects one and two:

- **PROJECT 1:** Top of the bonfire field behind the wall. Many thanks to the Grindleford Playing Fields Association for giving permission for this project. We look forward to liaising with you further. This project will consist of 280 low-growing mixed hedgerow trees and shrubs for all year round interest (hawthorn, blackthorn, rowan, holly and dog-rose). Funding has been agreed by the Woodland Trust and we await the arrival of the trees, booked for mid-

April 2021. Our group will sort out the practicalities of initial preparation of the plot, safe planting organisation due to on-going Covid-19 restrictions and on-going maintenance. We are delighted that groups have already responded with enthusiasm to this project – Grindleford Primary school, pre-school, the Horticultural Society and the Allotments Society.

- **PROJECT 2:** This will follow on from project one in Autumn 2021. We are working with the National Trust at Longshaw to plant trees in areas that are designated for woodland restoration. We will start in patches of rough pasture by Oxhay Wood and Oxhay Meadows beyond Padley Chapel. Under the direction of Chris Milner (NT Ranger) we will plant trees such as oaks, hazel, holly, rowan, hawthorn and blackthorn. For this project we have approached the Conservation Volunteers for supplies of trees (much of their funding for this comes from Green energy company, OVO). Due to Covid-19 restrictions, the National Trust Volunteers wish to save this project for later this year.

### **WE NEED COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS!**

If you fancy getting involved in digging and planting for project one, please let us know. We will co-ordinate, give guidance and allocate time slots for families and households once the trees have been delivered. Although a mass planting would be lovely in the future, as a sociable community event, this clearly is not possible at the moment.

### **FUNDRAISING AND FUTURE PROJECTS**

The GTPG envisage further planting in spring 2022 and we are looking for suitable sites. Perhaps you are a landowner and have some land suitable for planting of new woodland. We may be able to help you source trees, advice, grants and help with planting.

The Peak Park are very supportive of our group and are keen to offer trees and expertise.

Although our bids for free trees have been successful so far, on-going maintenance and planting will require further funds. We are hugely appreciative of individuals and groups who have pledged donations so far. Thank you to the Grindleford Horticultural Society and Parish Council and individual donors.

There are lots of ways you can help. We would welcome ideas for future projects in and around the village. Most of all we need volunteers to come and get involved if they can, either with a spade and a pair of wellies or offering expertise, funds and enthusiasm. You are welcome to join our regular (short) Zoom meetings.

Contact : paul.thorpe@hotmail.com



# National Trust

## Longshaw Café



Longshaw is a well-loved countryside property on the urban fringe of Sheffield. We've been implementing a series of visitor infrastructure projects over the last six years, to cement its status as a key destination in Britain's first National Park – the facilities were badly in need of an

upgrade to match the quality of the spectacular outdoor offer. The latest part of the development has focused on creation of a new café and toilets in the historic stable block building. The importance of this work has been reinforced throughout the last year, as people have searched (in huge numbers) for solace, enjoyment and well-being in our countryside.



*Café photos courtesy of Kev Dunnington*



Building during the pandemic has meant overcoming a multitude of challenges and caused much head scratching for the project team, design team and building contractors in order to complete the project ready to welcome visitors in time for Easter. The new space will help visitors build lasting memories and connections to the Longshaw landscape, and raise funds for our essential conservation work. The building design features a ground source heat pump for heating and hot water, and triple glazed windows that frame the breath-taking views. Inside, we've installed brightly coloured images of our local wildlife, a big screen for showcasing conservation work and some beautiful tables topped with maps of the local area.

Longshaw is part of a portfolio of landscapes that the National Trust look after in the Peak District National Park. Our core purpose within the Peak District team is to look after 13% of the land in the National Park for the benefit of nature and for people. As a conservation charity, we are very reliant on grant income to help us restore and look after the special habitats we care for in the Peak District. Our new

café will help us fund current and future projects and enable us to be more ambitious with our conservation projects, such as expanding our clough woodland restoration, planting more carbon capturing sphagnum moss and more in-depth wildlife monitoring across our various sites.

**Covid disclaimer:** ‘We are following government guidance and will adapt our offer as the guidance changes. Under the current guidance we are takeaway only, have a one-way system in place, card payments preferred and a face covering is required before entering the building. Please be kind and respectful to our staff and other people in the landscape.’

## **National Trust Peak District rangers forced to fell diseased trees to protect public safety**

2020 was a perfect storm for the spread of ash dieback across the country, with many ash trees across the UK now infected. In the Peak District, National Trust rangers have identified several areas, especially in the Ash dominated White Peak around Ilam and Dovedale, that have been severely impacted.

“Ash dieback is a catastrophe for nature” said National tree and woodland advisor for the National Trust, Luke Barley. “Our landscapes and woodlands are irrevocably changing before our eyes, and last year’s combination of a dry spring and late frost may have dramatically sped up the spread and severity of the disease.” (1)

“There’s a potential risk to the public if the badly infected trees next to footpaths and roads shed limbs as the Ash ‘dies back’”, said Ted Talbot, Countryside Manager for the National Trust in the Peak District. “We are also concerned that trees in ravine areas suffering from the disease could fall from the steep slopes and damage others beneath them. It is therefore very important that the public take note of the signage that local councils and the National Trust have put up and follow the directions provided. We have also updated our website with details of where the work is taking place and which paths and roads are affected. We’d advise everyone to check our website before leaving home so they can plan their route by foot or by car accordingly.” (2)

Ted continued, “The scale of the die back in many areas of the Peaks is so big that we need to fell and remove trees from roadsides. In other places we will leave timber on site and this will soon provide good homes for things like bats and fungi.”

“We would normally leave dead trees in a woodland like this, as they provide good homes for things like bats and fungi. However, the scale of the die back here is so big that we need to fell and remove many trees for public safety.”

“It’s a really sad sight to see, and it is going to cost us a lot to keep paths and roads safe and open until the disease has passed. This is difficult and skilled work that we are likely to have to do more and more of every winter for several years. We need to manage this disease and mitigate for it, allowing other trees to flourish in place of the ash. We’re planting other native trees in areas that have been affected, to

preserve the woodland and strengthen its biodiversity. Ensuring it continues to support the many hundreds of plant, animal, bird and insect species that currently live here.”

Lovers of the Peak District can support the urgent native tree planting programme, by donating to the National Trust’s ‘Woods of the Future’ Peak District Appeal. (3) “Catastrophic diseases like ash dieback can happen in nature,” said Ted Talbot, “but if we don’t act now, future generations won’t see anything like the kind of countryside we see in the Peak District today.”

For more information on the work the National Trust is undertaking to manage ash die back in the Peak District, please visit <http://bit.ly/2kGEBQQ> and follow @PeakDistrictNT on social media for all the latest updates.

The Peak District National Trust own or manage 13% of the Peak District National Park. The precious countryside that we look after, offers a much-needed place to escape, relax and have adventurous days out away from the hustle and bustle of everyday life.

The landscapes in our care provide inspiration and access to great outdoor experiences, whilst being actively managed to the highest standards for conservation and wider public benefits. Through engagement with visitors, tenants, local communities and partners, we will enable people to enjoy and help us care for a healthy and beautiful natural environment, rich in stories and heritage. Find more information:

Longshaw Estate: <http://bit.ly/LongshawEstate>

Ilam Park, Dovedale and the White Peak: <http://bit.ly/IlamPark>

Kinder, Edale and the High Peak: <http://bit.ly/KinderEdale>

### **About the National Trust**

The National Trust is a conservation charity founded in 1895 by three people: Octavia Hill, Sir Robert Hunter and Hardwicke Rawnsley, who saw the importance of the nation's heritage and open spaces and wanted to preserve them for everyone to enjoy. Today, across England, Wales and Northern Ireland, we continue to look after places so people and nature can thrive.

The challenges of the coronavirus pandemic have shown this is more important than ever. From finding fresh air and open skies to tracking a bee's flight to a flower; from finding beauty in an exquisite painting or discovering the hidden history of a country house nearby - the places we care for enrich people's lives.

Entirely independent of Government, the National Trust looks after more than 250,000 hectares of countryside, 780 miles of coastline and 500 historic properties, gardens and nature reserves.

The National Trust is for everyone - we were founded for the benefit of the whole nation. We receive on average more than 26.9 million visits each year to the places we care for that have an entry fee, and an estimated 100m visits to the outdoor places that are free of charge. Paying visitors, together with our 5.6 million members and more than 53,000 volunteers, support our work to care for nature, beauty, history. For everyone, for ever. [www.nationaltrust.org.uk](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk)

#### Editors notes:

(1) May 2020 was the sunniest calendar month on record in the UK and it was also the sunniest Spring on record for the UK and all the home nations, as well as driest May on record in England. <http://bit.ly/35VfIVT>

Increasing occurrences of prolonged hot and dry weather combined with increasing spread and levels of inoculum of the disease have the potential to speed to up the impact of the disease on our trees and this is what we think we are seeing and is playing out across our estates.

(2) For more information on the National Trust's response to ash dieback in the Peak District, please visit: <http://bit.ly/2kGEBQQ>

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## Bowls at Baslow Sports Field

Some of you will have watched indoor bowls on the TV during lockdown but did you know there is a fabulous outdoor green just a short distance from where you live? Baslow Sports Field is perhaps best known for its fabulous cricket and football pitches but just around the corner is the equally fabulous bowls green complete with its own pavilion and car parking.

It is a really friendly little club, with bowls for beginners and those wishing to play in local leagues. It's a great way to keep fit and flexible without being too strenuous. We also have a vibrant social calendar all year round with club competitions, friendlies, events, lunches and dinners out.

The club is now seeking new members for the 2021 season so we will be holding a free taster session on Saturday 15 May (Covid rules permitting) from 11am down at the bowls green at Baslow Sports Field. We have all the equipment you need as well as some trained coaches on hand. It's a really easy sport to keep social distance and everything will be fully sanitised before any play takes place. There is lots of free parking and a loo right next to the pavilion. If you wish to book a slot at the taster session or would prefer a private taster, please contact Helen on 07734448832 or email [bbc.baslow@gmail.com](mailto:bbc.baslow@gmail.com) and we'll look forward to meeting you.

Helen Watts  
Chair Baslow Bowls Club

# STEPS together

100,000 steps in  
Derbyshire Dales!

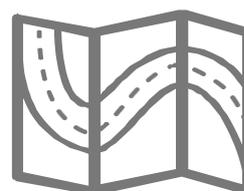
## WHAT IS STEPS TOGETHER?

Steps Together links people with a volunteer for a local walk. We take in countryside that would otherwise be inaccessible with a shared goal of 100,000 steps in a year

## WHY IS IT NEEDED?

Sometimes people are unsure about walking alone because:

- They lack the confidence
- They have an illness or disability
- They lack the motivation



## WHY NOW?

To stay safe during the pandemic, people need an outdoor activity to support their wellbeing.

Some volunteer Walk Leaders are keen to walk with individuals alongside their usual groups.

## WHAT CHANGE WILL WE SEE?

Participants have the opportunity to exercise and relax in a natural environment, benefitting from improved fitness and mental health and links to social walking groups



## WHY DOES IT WORK?

Steps Together breaks down barriers by:

Offering one-to-one support

Walking from home

Increasing knowledge and skills Working with local walking groups Having experienced, friendly volunteers



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## Useful Websites:

Grindleford Parish Council: [www.grindlefordparishcouncil.co.uk](http://www.grindlefordparishcouncil.co.uk)

Grindleford Community Shop: [www.grindlefordvillageshop.co.uk](http://www.grindlefordvillageshop.co.uk)

Check out all the activities going on in our pre-school and primary school:

[www.grindlefordandeyamplaygroup.org.uk](http://www.grindlefordandeyamplaygroup.org.uk) and

[www.grindlefordprimaryschool.co.uk](http://www.grindlefordprimaryschool.co.uk)

Finally, don't forget the village has its own website where you can find out about what is going on locally and post details of your own events:

[www.grindleford.com](http://www.grindleford.com)

If you are new to the village 'welcome' and we have a dedicated section with information: <http://www.grindleford.com/welcome-to-grindleford/>

## Any News?

If there's anything you feel should be covered in the next issue, please send an item to the editors at [grindlefordnews@gmail.com](mailto:grindlefordnews@gmail.com).

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