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**GRINDLEFORD
NEWS**

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EDITOR'S LETTER

We're deep into another great Grindleford summer and by my calculations we've had about 100 days of sunshine and a roughly thimble of rain. But that's not stopped our resilient growers and outdoor community who are gearing up for the 75th annual Grindleford Horticultural Show on 22 Aug (pg 26).

If you're after a leisurely stroll in the village do take a walk through the allotments - the plots are really looking beautiful this time of year, you could even take a rest on the new bench kindly provided by Grindleford Men's Shed. But do take care to close the gates behind you - a majestic stag was recently spotted on the adjoining field (pg 15) and the following morning a number of plots had been nibbled. As it happens 'Stan' the discerning stag is rather partial to a purple French bean...

Elsewhere the butterfly field is looking and sounding glorious, teeming with insects and birds, the tree planting group have also been busy tending some lovely tucked away pockets of paradise like Pippin Wood behind the MUGA (pg 29). Here's to wildlife havens, plenty of village life and, perhaps, a little much-needed rain before autumn arrives.

- Zena Oliani, Editor

WITH THANKS TO OUR DEDICATED CONTRIBUTORS

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IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE WINTER ISSUE (OUT 1 DEC) THE DEADLINE FOR COPY IS 23 OCT 2026. EMAIL ZENA VIA THEGRINDLEFORDNEWS@GMAIL.COM



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VILLAGE NEWS



SHOW TIME 22 AUG

By the time you read this it should very nearly be time for the Grindleford Horticultural Show - a highlight on the calendar for many. It'll be interesting to see what the relentless heat means for the categories this year - growers will have been having other work much harder for bumper crops and stem lengths and there'll no doubt be some things ripening earlier than expected. Full details of the show on page XX.

GET INVOLVED

Across these pages you'll see numerous requests for increased participation. It's wonderful to be part of such an inclusive, community-minded village but many of the things we enjoy can't happen without volunteers. Here's a summary of some of the clubs, societies and organisations looking for volunteers this issue:

- Carnival committee
- Playing Fields Committee
- Bakers for the shop
- 2 hr shop shifts (fortnightly)
- Available allotment plots
- Wine growers (& drinkers)



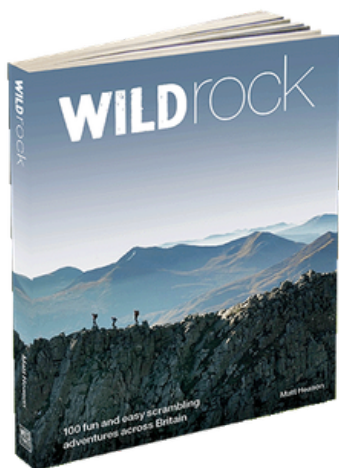
£ GRANTS

There's also a few grant giving organisations looking for applications from local causes:

- Local Projects Fund
- Grindleford Goat Charity

NEED TO GET OUT MORE?

Remember Matt Heason? Lived in the village until a few years ago. He's now based in Woodseats in Sheffield so still effectively a local. He wrote the book Wild Swim Walks In The Peak District which the community shop has been selling for the last few years. Matt has lived in Sheffield and Grindleford for 30 years and explored a good percentage of the Peak District as well as many of our national parks and lesser visitor corners of the British Isles. He has a love of rock climbing and generally playing on rock so after writing on guide he naturally fell into writing another.



Wild Rock is a celebration of the amazingly diverse geology we have in England, Scotland and his native Wales. It features 100 scrambles, including 18 in the Peak District. All are suitable for

relative beginners without the need for any specialist climbing equipment (though a helmet is recommended for some). The book is also available in the community shop which Matt was involved in the setting up of, and which earns a healthy slice of commission on any sales.



FAMILY FUN DAY 26 SEP

Save the date for Grindleford Primary School's family fun day on 26 September from 10.00-14.00. It's a great opportunity for any families in the village or further afield to come along, play, eat, do a bit of forest school and have fun. Staff will also be available to do more in depth tours of the school for anyone interested too. Register for your free place here:



<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/grindleford-primary-family-fun-day-tickets-1997140517048>

GRINDLEFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Words: Sarah Battarbee

A joint effort between Carnival and Parish Council nearly brought us a village screening of the England final. We hired the Pavilion, borrowed a projector, wrote a risk assessment using Chatgpt! The only thing we didn't quite manage was GETTING INTO THE FINAL.

Never mind there is always next time.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVIEW

You'll have seen that the Government has decided on two new unitary authorities, North and South, to replace Derbyshire County Council and Derbyshire Dales District Council. We will be in the Northern one.

DAMAGED RETAINING WALLS

Down from Station Approach. The matter is with DCC, but we have been in touch with our county association, DALC, for legal advice about liability should the Council elect to pay for this repair themselves. Watch this hole in the retaining wall.



SERGEANT ROY PERCIVAL

The chair and clerk were invited at very short notice to meet a new police team which will be focussing on rural environmental crime, headed up by Sergeant Roy Percival. We think this is his own initiative and is as well as his day job. It sounds like a super thing, more when there is more.

SCOTT'S CLOSE

What the actual problem is has now, after three years of negotiations with DCC, become clear and DCC who have agreed a way forward; we have asked them in strong terms to get the leak fixed by one means or another by the start of the school year.



PINE MARTENS AND BEAVERS

The keen-eyed will have spotted that Derbyshire Wildlife Trust have already reintroduced beavers into our rivers a bit south of us here and are now working to get pine martens back into our trees. I've written off for my very own cuddly pine marten.

THE SIR BILL

This is what we know. There were three bidders to buy the Sir William. We do not know who the successful bidder is, but they have a background in the hostelry trade (much hilarity when spellcheck changed this to hosiery, Ben suggested that there was not enough market for tights to be viable, speak for yourself I said). we hope to know more by September. We have invited them to the September parish council meeting to say hallo.

For those who are interested, we put in an application to register the Sir William as an asset of community interest. However, on balance we want the Sir William

not to be left to rot, so we withdrew this once we were felt as sure as we can be there will be some sort of pub element to the new development.

EV CHARGING

New legislation will allow home owners without off road parking to run a charging gully across the pavement without planning permission There is some more information about it on our website. It doesn't fully solve the problem for terraces, where you can't necessarily park outside your house. The parish council is looking into this with a small group of residents to see if we can come up with an innovative solution.



NEW WEBSITE

Yes, there is a new website. It has some useful little boxes for posts, which is where information from DCC and DDDC will feature, so do take a look. <https://grindlefordparishcouncil.gov.uk/>

AOB

We've been very pleased to help the school and pre-school with some funding this year, we've also given money to FoGs for a new display cabinet and to the friends of Padley for some informative signs.



PETER'S PAGE

*NEWS FROM YOUR DERBYSHIRE DALES DISTRICT
COUNCILLOR PETER O'BRIEN*



'At the time of writing this, it seems that the future of the Sir William as a pub is now a realistic possibility. I spoke recently to Savills (who are handling the sale), who confirmed that one of the offers made has now been accepted by Greene King. And that the new owner will retain at least part of the Sir W as a village pub. There are still a lot of legal formalities to go through but we can hope for the best.

It's now quite a few years since we had any new affordable housing built in the village. Cllr Simon Ripton and myself are in discussion with the Parish Council, to see if there is support for a 'Housing Needs Survey'. These surveys help us understand how many local people are looking for somewhere to live at a rent they can afford; it can include people who have had to move away from Grindleford in the past, but would like to return. Often affordable housing can bring benefits to our schools, when families with young children move in.

LOCAL PROJECTS FUND

Our Local Projects Fund is now in full swing, offering grants of up to around £400 to local societies, groups and organisations for projects which will benefit the local community. The application process is very simple, and full details are at <http://www.derbyshiredales.gov.uk/localprojectsfund> or t: 01629 761392



KIDS TRAVEL FREE ON BUSES

Remember that during August, children age 5 to 15 can travel FREE on local buses. This is in addition to the cost of an adult ticket being capped at £3 per journey. Grindleford now has an excellent bus service - the hourly 257 to Bakewell via Eyam and Baslow, and Sheffield via Hathersage, Bamford and Ladybower; the 65 runs 5 times a day (including Sundays) to Buxton via Eyam and Tideswell and Meadowhall via Fox House and Sheffield City Centre. Not forgetting the open-top Peak Sightseer up to the Blue John Cavern in Castleton (or to Chatsworth) - though special fares apply here.

DDDC REORGANISATION

Finally, the Government has now announced that from April 2028, DDDC and DCC will no longer exist. Grindleford will be part of a new 'Unitary Authority', known rather poetically (?) as North Derbyshire. More details will emerge over the coming months.

As ever, do contact me if you think I can help with a problem or local issue.

ST HELEN'S CHURCH UPDATE

Words: John Gaunt – Temporary Acting Chair – St Helen's PCC

By the time you read this, July will be over but it will hopefully have been a very significant month in the life of the church.



In the first place, following an interview process in early June, the appointment of a new rector has been announced. Our previous rector, Paul Moore, you may recall, took early retirement on health grounds last October. The new incumbent, Revd Carolyn Cooke (who is moving to the Hope Valley from Geneva) will take up her position later in the year. Unlike Paul, who was engaged full time (6 days a week), diocese funding constraints are likely to mean that this appointment will be

for 4 days a week, spread across the parishes of Grindleford, Bamford and Hathersage. The three parishes will be looking to see how additional support may be provided for the new incumbent in the performance of their duties.



CONCERTS

St Helen's will have held its first concert for some considerable time with Baroque in the North having performed in church on 5 July. If you were there, we hope you enjoyed both it and the refreshments which followed. Other occasional concerts may follow. We also held a Sunday Special service on 12 July, which sought to encourage wider community engagement with the church.



BUTTERFLY COUNT

Taking place as you read this is a St Helen's Big Butterfly Count and Summer Trail, run as a combined activity for the period of the national Butterfly Count being 17 July to 9 August, with the separate trail available to do from 17 July and over the rest of the school holiday. Please look at the posters in and around the church and village for more details. Free to all.

SOLAR PANELS

On Thursday 18 June, the Diocese Church's Decarbonisation Officer held an event at St Helen's where 26 representatives from 17 churches in the diocese visited to hear about our solar panels, the approval and construction processes we went through to install them, and their performance since we went live. A Q&A session followed the

presentations and it sounds like many of the churches have already put a lot of thought into renewable energy. St Helen's is however still one of only six churches in the diocese with solar panels but we hope this number will change over the coming years.

THANK YOU

Finally, as we may be approaching the end of our period of vacancy with no incumbent rector in place, a very big thank you to all those who have worked tirelessly to keep the church and its services running. You know who you are. Thank you.

GRINDLEFORD COMMUNITY SHOP

Words: Fiona Outram



YOUR SHOP NEEDS YOU!

The shop is staffed by volunteers who serve customers and make hot drinks (with some washing up)!

Shifts are usually 2 hours long and for the busy ones we have two people working together. Some volunteers come every week, lots come every fortnight, and we have a back up pool for when people can't make their shift. We really need more regular volunteers and back ups to reliably keep the shop open.

The till is easy to use, tea/coffee making facilities are nothing more complicated than a teapot or cafetière, the shelves will be fully

stocked and the customers friendly. Full training is given.

All our volunteers really enjoy staffing the shop. It's fun, friendly and when it's quiet a good opportunity to catch up on a good book.

Could you spare 2 hours on alternate weeks?

We are particularly (but not only) looking for volunteers to staff the shop on:

- Alternate Saturdays (from 12 - 2 and 2 - 4 with 2 people for each shift)
- Alternate Wednesday afternoons
- Alternate Friday afternoon

If you think you might be able to help please leave a message on the shop answerphone (01433 631611) or leave your details in the shop and our shop manager Fiona will be in touch.

If you'd rather not be volunteering in a customer facing position, keep reading for another opportunity to get involved from the comfort of your own house.



DO YOU ENJOY BAKING?

The community shop is well known for its lovely cake and that's down to our fabulous team of volunteer cake bakers. And they need more help!

There is a daily call out for how much cake is needed, the bakers say what they can do and bring it down to the shop.

So if you can only bake occasionally this is still really helpful. The cost of all ingredients is covered by the shop along with a contribution to energy costs, and the shop stocks a good range of ingredients.

Again, if you think you might be able to help please leave a message on the shop answerphone (01433 631611) or leave in your details in the shop and our shop manager Fiona will be in touch.

Thank you!

ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION

Words: Mick Clarkson



At the time of writing we are well into a prolonged period of very hot weather and drought but despite this the plots are looking well tended and fecund! There is no doubt that maintaining and propagating under these conditions takes a great deal of time and work. I know that my arms feel as though they've grown 6 inch longer from those innumerable trips back and forth with watering cans to the standpipe.

Our allotment water bill this season is certainly going to be much higher than usual.

Our open day on 12th July saw most of our allotment holders and many visitors coming to enjoy the ambience, refreshments and general gardening craic, not to mention the glorious weather. In particular the homemade cakes made by our allotmenters were very much appreciated. It's a great opportunity to gather together, share stories and show to others the material, physical and psychological benefits of gardening. At other times we regularly exchange news and tips through a WhatsApp group.

We are more than a collection of individuals cultivating our individual plots. We reach out to wider community and try to engage with village wide projects and provide facilities for them on our site. Many of our members are also involved with other community groups including the Grindleford Horticultural Society. We look forward to hosting a visit from the Society at the next open day. Entries in the various categories of The Grindleford Show give the opportunity for our plot holders to compete and display their skills.



'Stan' papped in the field above the allotments. Credit: Andy Barnett

Looking forward, there are indications that some plot holders will be moving on at the end of this season and so we expect that new allotmenters will be coming to our group and so carry on the enrichment and diversity of our community. The site does take some management and members are expected to get involved with maintenance of communal areas, grass cutting and strimming, repairing fences and gates and many other aspects of general work. We particularly welcome anyone wanting to get "stuck-in" to these tasks.

And so the spirit of the pioneers who originally created the site from an open field in the early years of the millennium, lives on. We are pleased to receive enquiries about plots.

*If you would like more information,
do contact*

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*or
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sheilapigott100@gmail.com*

GRINDLEFORD WINE ANYONE?

Words: Penny Reynolds



The vines at the allotments have been tended over the years by a small group from the village. This group is now very much depleted.

We are now considering what the future will be for this vineyard.

In the vineyard we have 5 short rows of grapes, each of a different variety, all suited to northern climes.

There are 2 aspects to this, the growing of the grape vines and the making of the wine. 3, if you include sharing out the bottles and drinking it!

We would like to know if anybody else would like to join this group to be involved in either aspect and to help continue this unique village activity.

Contacts... Michael Wren, Tim and Penny Reynolds, John Davies.



GRINDLEFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Words: Beccy Ibbotson



As we approach a new academic year, an update from your village primary school seems a fitting celebration! It's been a busy time at Grindleford Primary School, with plenty of activities taking place both in and out of the classroom. Pupils have been involved in a range of learning opportunities, trips and events, alongside their usual lessons. It's been great to see their enthusiasm and effort across all areas of school life. Here are a few of the things we've been up to recently.

PLAYGROUND PROMS

We had a wonderful afternoon spent with Playground Proms. The children learnt a song about instruments in nature and then worked on



RESIDENTIAL

Year 5 and 6 went on their annual residential to Whitehall and what an incredible few days they all had! The children took part in abseiling, canoeing, night hiking, rope courses, amongst other activities. The weather didn't dampen their spirits and many were encouraged to overcome their fears and barriers – we couldn't be prouder of them. Excellent memories to last a lifetime!

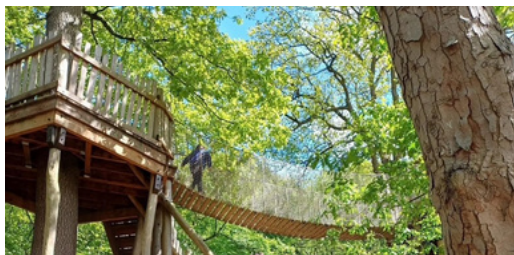


matching actions to lyrics. We have another visit planned, where we will be visited by a string quartet.



VICTORIAN DAY

We had an incredible Victorian Day to kickstart our 150th birthday celebrations. The children were immersed in a Victorian classroom; made and played with Victorian toys and learnt children's Victorian jobs. Thank you to Want2B workshops for leading the sessions and for our amazing PTFA for supporting the day. It was truly fantastic!



CHATSWORTH FARMYARD TRIP

Our infants visited Chatsworth Farmyard just before our half term break. They had a wonderful time learning all about the animals and a local historic landmark – not to mention the fun they had on the play equipment!

150TH CELEBRATIONS

If you or anyone you may know have any information, old photos or stories to share about Grindleford Primary School, then please contact the office. We want to gather as much information as possible to share the school's history for many years to come!

info@grindleford.derbyshire.sch.uk
01433 630528

26 SEPTEMBER FAMILY FUN DAY

Finally, we are pleased to share that on 26th September between 10.00 - 14.00 we will be having a family fun day and open day for the school. With spaces across all year groups we welcome anyone who would love to see what our idyllic village school is all about.

On the day there will be plenty to do alongside school tours. Try out a variety of musical instruments, take part in arts and crafts and STEM sessions or experience our forest school offering. Whether you're actively looking at schools or not we'd love to see you there.

Places are free but please sign up so we can gauge numbers. For more details see the flyer at the back of this issue.

[grindlefordopenday.
eventbrite.co.uk](http://grindlefordopenday.eventbrite.co.uk)



GRINDLEFORD AND EYAM PLAYGROUP

Words: Sophie Grant and Pauline Bowman

Hoping you're okay. As I write this we are in the midst of June's heatwave, enjoying lots of water play to keep cool.

The Summer term is always super busy but super fun. A couple of weeks ago we had some caterpillars come to stay. We are loving watching them grow and transform before our very eyes. Hoping one day we will be able to release beautiful butterflies out in the garden.

We are also closely monitoring our allotment beds, making sure the vegetables we planted are getting lots of water and attention. This year we are growing onions, potatoes and garlic.

We still have spaces available from September 2026 and January 2027. If you would like to enquire about a place then please email gepsupervisor@hotmail.com. We'd love you to join our Playgroup team.

Our Friday morning Mud Kitchen group continues to run weekly. Inside is set up for free play whilst outside is ready to get muddy. All welcome between 10 & 11.30am, £3 per child at the Pavilion. No need to book, turn up and play!

For more information about the Playgroup or any of our events visit our website www.grindlefordandeyamplaygroup.org.uk To keep up to date with our adventures, follow us on Facebook and Instagram. Search For 'Grindleford and Eyam Playgroup'



BISHOP PAVILION & BRIDGE PLAYING FIELD

Words: Tim Reynolds



COME JOIN US

Carnival Committee to Playing Field Committee about the Carnival *"It's fair to say the village had a great time which would not have been possible without the facilities being available for us to organise this event."*

The Playing Field, Playground and Pavilion facilities are there because of the efforts and dedication of a group of volunteers who have worked tirelessly over the years to provide, expand and maintain them to the standard we have today. This is a major task and needs the involvement of a range of people in order to share the load.

We would like more of the village to be involved in the management and running of these facilities. Indeed it is necessary as current members of the Playing Fields management grow older, that a younger generation comes along and is ready to step into these roles.

This continuity is needed to enable the facilities to be available for events like the Carnival or for regular village activities.

If you are willing to participate and make a contribution for your village then talk to any member of the current Playing Fields committee who will welcome your involvement:

John Baily (Chair), Kelly Knight, Steve Benn, Phil Haywood, John Morton, Lionel Stout, Mike Nolan, Tim Reynolds, Liz Tiplady, Neil Ireson, Dave Kirkup, Atilla Garamszegi, Andrew Lawton, David Haywood, Tony Duncan, Anton Cannell.

SUPPER CLUB

Words: Tim Reynolds



Supper Club takes place over the autumn, winter, spring period, usually in the evening on the last Friday of the month at the Bishop Pavilion. The format is a two course meal followed by tea / coffee then an after supper talk or music.

Supper Club events fundraise for Grindleford Playing Fields Association. Village residents are very welcome to attend.

Supper Club is taking a pause over the summer, but if you would like to join the mailing list and receive information, when available, about next season's events and booking details then contact us by email at:

grindlefordsupperclub@gmail.com

FRIENDS OF GRINDLEFORD STATION

Words: Kay Allinson



With 2026 designated a year of reading we have great book suggestions on the fences leading to the platforms. Grindleford Parish Council have donated money for a book storage facility which the station cafe has kindly agreed to be installed in their shelter. So pick up a book for your next journey!

We continue with gardening and litter picking and are grateful to have some new volunteers helping us. We hope you all enjoy the seasonal changes in the garden. We now have a water butt installed. We have plans for a bird identification display board. Thanks to Northern for their funding support with these projects.

We would love to decorate the station in Midland Red colours but as yet haven't found volunteers for this. Edale friends have given us the details of how to achieve this should we find willing people.

We continue to feel exasperated by train overcrowding on weekends. Nonetheless the punctuality is generally good and the service is reliable.

We believe that the efforts of Friends groups have made Hope Valley stations attractive welcoming destinations for many visitors. The Steel Cotton trail seems successful and is worth exploring for locals as well as visitors.



CARNIVAL

Words: Attila Garamszegi

Our annual carnival week took place around the 20th June, and what a treat it was! I cannot quite believe that this was the fifth carnival I was involved in. I remember the first time I showed up to a committee meeting, a little unsure what a carnival is and who all those people are.

It turned out to be life changing for me, literally! I made amazing friends had bucket loads of fun, and it brought me closer to our community, making me realise just how great it is to belong to Grindleford. The carnival is for that: a celebration of our community ties. The volunteers, committee, stall holders working hard to create an event that brings us closer together, my heartfelt thanks to them as well

as to the businesses that supported us, neighbours, main road residents, and the playing field association! Let's be honest the event does cause a bit of disruption but all we see is smiles and encouragement in response.





As I have done this for a while, a few long serving members and I are taking a little step back next year, it is time for the annual refresh! If you love the carnival, or even if you have never been but want to get involved in the community, this is your chance, we are looking for new members! Bring a fresh perspective, new ideas, or just keep the tradition

going! All we need is a bit of creativity, a desire for fun, and an organised mind. Please get in touch!

Attila Garamszegi (committee chair)

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GRINDLEFORD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Words: Sarah Rockliff



GRINDLEFORD HORTICULTURAL SHOW IS CELEBRATING 75 YEARS, COME AND JOIN US!

This year marks a special milestone as the Grindleford Horticultural Society celebrates its 75th annual show. For decades, this much-loved community event has brought together gardeners, bakers, makers, families, and friends for a relaxed day of friendly competition and local talent. Whether you are a seasoned exhibitor or a first-time visitor, this year promises to be a memorable celebration.

The show takes place on **Saturday 22nd August**, with the show ground opening at 1pm and the Marquee officially opening at 1.30pm. Inside the show tent, visitors will find a vibrant display of carefully grown vegetables, colourful floral arrangements, homemade baking, and creative craft entries—all competing for trophies and prizes.

A wide range of categories ensures there is something for everyone. Horticultural classes include fruit, vegetables, flowers, and ornamental plants. The baking section features everything from traditional cakes and scones to breads and preserves. Craft entries continue to grow each year, showcasing knitting, sewing, photography, painting, and other handmade creations full of imagination and skill.



We really hope you will have a go and look at the schedules to see what you fancy entering. Schedules have been delivered at the end of May and will be available, with entry forms, in the Community shop from mid July. If you have any questions about entries in advance, contact srockliff1@gmail.com.

Young exhibitors are at the heart of the show, with dedicated children's classes designed to encourage creativity and participation in gardening, flower arranging, baking, and crafts. Rosettes and trophies are awarded across all categories, making it a fun and rewarding experience for all ages

Entrant registration will take place on **Thursday 20th August between 6:00 pm and 8:00 pm at Grindleford Pavilion**, giving participants the chance to submit entries and finalise details ahead of the big day. There will be several committee members on hand to help and advise you.

The show is a team effort and relies on the support of many volunteers. From the stewards, to the judges to the car parking attendants, the event simply would not be possible without their time, dedication, and community spirit. Should you wish to volunteer either putting up the day before from 2 or on the day, please let us know on the email above.

Beyond the show tent, visitors can enjoy a variety of stalls including a popular raffle with prizes kindly donated by local supporters, as well as a range of stalls linked to horticulture, gardening, and crafts.



The presentation of trophies and auction of produce items round off the show from 4.30 pm.

Refreshments will be available throughout the afternoon, offering homemade cakes, hot and cold drinks, and savoury options—perfect for a well-earned break while enjoying the atmosphere of the show and listening to the sounds of the Hathersage Brass Band and Omega Jazz. Grindleford Horticultural Show brings the community together for a warm, friendly, summer afternoon. Everyone is welcome to take part or simply come along and enjoy the celebration of local talent.

Grindleford 75th horticultural show takes place on Saturday 22nd August, 1:00 pm – Bridge Field by the Pavilion.

GRINDLEFORD TREE PLANTING GROUP

Words: Paul Thorpe



The Swifts are still screeching and the Song Thrushes are still practicing their complex songs. It must be summer.

For the past five years GTPG have been getting together creating new habitat by planting trees. The hedgerow at the top of the allotment field is looking great. The dog roses have flowered this year so we can look forward to some colourful rosehips in the autumn. The new hedge above the pavilion is doing really well. Pippin Wood, beyond the MUGA, looks great. The hedgerow around the perimeter is looking complex with intermingled Hazel, Blackthorn, Hawthorn, Dogwood, Dog Rose, Goat Willow and a few Oak. The translocated Alder from the MUGA perimeter fence have taken and are

filling the gap left by the wind fallen mighty Sycamore that sadly fell last autumn. The beautiful Aspen, and Spindle in the middle of the wood have really come on. The Silver Birch screen is doing its thing to edge the area.

Insects abound in the new habitat. Lots of butterfly species have arrived: Red Admiral, Painted Lady, Wall, Gatekeeper and Orange Tips. Birds have a new home. We have seen Swallow, House Martin, Swift, Kestrel, Buzzard, Heron, Goldfinch, Blackbird, Nuthatch, Tree creeper and of course the Robin. Robin was the first bird to come and say "hello" when we first started planting. The benches are well used by us and hopefully you will have been down for a quiet moment.

We hope to get the paths cut again before the Show in August. We continue to take off the tree guards once the trees have established and do regular maintenance.

Please feel free to go and see the areas and please contact us if you would like to join us at any of our maintenance sessions or just come along for a cup of tea. Is that a late Cuckoo?

THE GRINDLEFORD GOAT (GG) CHARITY

Words: Adge Last



APPLICATIONS WANTED!

Mostly when you read the word “charity” in a heading, it’s about raising funds, but we are quite the opposite - we exist to give money away, so read on!!

WHAT WE ARE

As you may know, the GG Charity uses funds from the GG rides to fund and support local projects, and we are keen to hear from more potential beneficiaries. We have made a few changes recently to make the application process simpler, to encourage more individuals and groups to apply for support..

WHAT WE DO

- We offer small grants to Grindleford area projects that benefit the local community and environment.

- We keep it simple - the application process is informal, and follow up kept to a minimum.
- We help you align your application with our objectives to ensure you can benefit.
- We consider applications at any time of year and will make quick decisions if needed.

Recently we have helped fund: Carnival lights, the playgroup, the junior gardening group, the school for playground items, the Mens Shed and the Allotment Association picnic area.

HOW IT WORKS

- Application: Feel free to apply using the application form on our website, or it might be easier to drop us an email or speak to one of us with an outline in the first place. (See Trustee names below).
- Discussion/development: When we receive an email or application one of our Trustees will get in touch and help guide you through the process.
- Approval: Trustees discuss and approve applications, agree funds available and arrange for its transfer.



WHAT NEXT?

We are open for applications and would like to hear from people with ideas big and small - this could be something new, or support for an ongoing project that benefits the local community or environment.

MORE INFO AND CONTACTS

Website:

<https://grindlefordgoat.co.uk/the-grindleford-goat-charity/>

Email for applications and all enquiries:

trustees@grindlefordgoat.co.uk

We look forward to hearing from you.

Edge, Attila, Alan, Cate, Claire & Dave.

GRINDLEFORD GAITERS

Words: Tim Reynolds

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GAITERS THURSDAY WALK DAYS

The Gaiters walk fortnightly on Thursdays, generally meeting outside the church at 9:30. Our walking schedule for the next part of 2026 is shown here.

The photo shows part of the walking group on a recent walk at Watercum-Jolly adjacent to Cressbrook.

We welcome new Grindleford walkers to our group. Most walks are typically about 5 miles; so please join us if you are fit enough to walk this distance over Peak District terrain, sometimes with moorland and rocky paths. You should also be suitably equipped and bring a hot drink or water.

At the end of our walks we usually enjoy a good lunch together.

Keep walking.

Tim Reynolds 630023.

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