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Dear Resident,

Welcome to the Spring 2026 Edition of Wynyard Matters!



There is lots to read about, learn and do in this edition of Wynyard Matters!

Firstly and importantly, see what the Parish Councils supported by the WRA have been doing with regard to a second primary school on Wynyard (page 3). Many of you came to the meeting on 23rd January and many more have signed the petition even if you couldn't make the meeting. It doesn't stop there though - this campaign is essential for the education of our young residents in their community.

Also significant right now is the change to our recycling and waste collection and disposal coming up at the beginning of April. Take a look at page 5 about this and be ready!

There have been 2 recent appointees of note, namely Bob Scott as Vice Chair of Wynyard Residents Association and Robin Woolley as Chair of Wynyard Parish Council (Stockton). I interviewed them both so you can see what they told me about their plans for Wynyard on pages 6 and 26 respectively.

Mother's Day or Mothering Sunday is fast approaching, and children may wish to make the card on page 20 for their mums – possibly with some dads' help...

Easter is also round the corner and Wynyard's Vine Church will be holding Easter service on 5th April. Again, there are instructions for making an Easter card on page 30 which could be an Easter holiday activity to celebrate the Easter message of new life. Thanks to Jane for both of these brilliant cards!

For Spring, there are two tasty recipes and an article on spring cleaning your home, your mind and decluttering. The WMCE team is holding a craft n' flea market on 25th April to which you are all invited to pitch up at the primary school car park to sell what you decide to dispose of for charity. More details can be found on page 17.

Talking of the WMCE see the write ups of the Christmas events and what else is planned for 2026 - don't miss out!

Debbie has written about our local beekeeper and how it all works! (page 34) Yours Truly observations at Codgers Corner continue to resonate and keep us laughing.

Don't forget the social activity groups to be a part of - Meet and Greet, the Coffee Group, Nordic walking, The Walking Sticks, the library van and cuppa, Book Group, Wynyard Woodland walks and the Park Run. Cut out your Dates for your Diary pages and stick them on your fridge to keep you firmly in the loop.

Thanks, as always, to our Parish Councils and the WRA and WMCE team for all their hard work and commitment to this community as is reflected in their updates and initiatives. The campaign for a new school represents a major investment in our community's future, and the new bench (page 13) is another thoughtful contribution — creating a welcoming spot for everyone to pause and enjoy their surroundings.

Lastly and talking of community, you might like my poem on page 37 which is in 2 parts – you'll see why when you read it.

I hope you enjoy this edition! May Spring 2026 put a spring in your step!

Very best wishes

Caroline

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SUPPORT EDUCATION IN WYNYARD

In mid-December, as part of a national review of free school projects, the Department for Education designated the proposed second primary school for Wynyard as 'minded to cancel' with a deadline of 30th January for appeals.

On 9th January, a strategic meeting was held that included Hartlepool Borough Councillors for Education and Children Services, Melrose Learning Trust, Durham Diocese Education Board, MP Jonathan Brash, and representatives from both Wynyard Parish Councils.

With the blessing of all parties, a public meeting was arranged and held at Wynyard Primary School on 23rd January, which was attended by all the aforementioned, along with representatives from Wynyard Park and the MP for Stockton North, Chris McDonald.



Jonathan Brash stated in the meeting that his research led to a recommendation that a settlement like Wynyard should have three primary schools, and yet we're fighting to secure a second.

Hartlepool Borough Councillors also confirmed that the data the DfE used for the review was from 2024 and out of date. With significant changes in values between 2024 and 2025 due to the rapid expansion and approval of applications in the area, the new data make an even stronger case for a second primary school in Wynyard.

Lichfields, the agent for Wynyard Park, also confirmed that land to the value of £6m has been ringfenced and gifted for the provision of a Primary School, in addition to carrying out the utilities and drainage works in good faith. This is in addition to over £4m in committed section 106 Education contributions from housing developers.



Alongside the meeting, significant promotion efforts were undertaken to drive support for the official petition, which, at the time of writing, has exceeded 1000 signatures.

If you have not yet lent your support and signed the petition, please visit <https://wynyard-hartlepool-pc.gov.uk/petition> or scan the QR code on the left with your mobile phone.

At the time of delivery for this issue of Wynyard Matters, it is likely that the appeal will still be in process. In addition to the petition, we urge residents to share their complaints, concerns, and experiences with the lack of on-site education capacity at Wynyard directly with the decision-makers via email, post, or phone.

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The Parish Councils have prepared a fact sheet and template to aid in reinforcing the key reasons why the 'minded to cancel' decision should be overturned, available at <https://wynyard-hartlepool-pc.gov.uk/factsheet> or the QR code on the right.



We are hopeful that the appeal will be successful and that the second Primary School will be built within Wynyard, allowing the Parish Councils to turn their attention to the difficulties facing local secondary school-aged children, often with extremely long journeys to and from school due to a lack of local provision.

Should the appeal not be successful, we will continue the fight - we hope that you will stand with us to ensure our children have access to the education opportunities they deserve.

Residents are encouraged to attend upcoming Parish Council meetings to have their say and stay informed via notice boards and the Parish websites at: <https://wynyard-hartlepool-pc.gov.uk/> & <https://www.wynyard-pc.org/>



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WASTE AND RECYCLING COLLECTIONS FROM APRIL 2026

You may remember that in this time last year I wrote about what was next for our bins and in April 2025 brown bins for garden waste were introduced at an annual charge of £40.

Changes to waste and recycling collection will begin in April 2026.



From April 2026, to align with new national legislation, the Council will collect food waste and recycling every week and collect the other, residual waste on a fortnightly basis. Residual waste is the non-recyclable waste that normally goes in your green wheeled bin.

Each household will receive an additional weighted bag for the collection of dry recycling and a new 5 litre indoor and 23 litre outdoor caddy (including caddy bags) for food waste, giving every household the opportunity to increase the amount of waste that can be collected and recycled on a weekly basis.

The new 1 kg weighted bag is designed to better meet the needs of residents after feedback suggested they would prefer a heavier dry recycling bag to prevent it from blowing away in heavy winds.

To find out more about exactly what you can recycle visit <https://www.stockton.gov.uk/what-can-i-recycle>

It may mean a change to your collection day, and you can check this by visiting <https://www.stockton.gov.uk/bin-collection-days>

To read the report leading up to these changes visit <https://moderngov.stockton.gov.uk/documents/s6213/Final%20Report.pdf>

What you'll use (Current/Future):

- Residual Waste (Non-recyclable): Your existing green bin - Fortnightly collection
- Paper & Card: Your existing white bag plus new additional bag – Weekly collection
- Glass & Batteries: Your existing blue box – Weekly collection
- Food Waste: new indoor and outdoor caddies with bags – Weekly collection

How to Find Your Specific Day:

1. Check the Council Website: Visit the Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council's waste and recycling page for updates.
2. Look for Your New Calendar: New printed calendars detailing collections until September 2026 will be delivered to homes.
3. Contact the Council: Call Care for your Area at 01642 391959 or email careforyourarea@stockton.gov.uk for direct questions.

WYNYARD VILLAGE NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SCHEME



I recently met up with Bob Scott to discuss his involvement in the Wynyard community and his plans for the above.

C: Hi Bob and thank you for your time today. Firstly, can you tell me a bit about yourself and your motivation concerning Wynyard?

B: Yes, I have been a resident of Wynyard for 19 years and my background is in property and financial services. I am still very active in those areas but now also want to make a positive contribution to the Wynyard community both present and future. As I approach retirement, I have been looking at what I would like Wynyard to look like in the years to come. Like many, I have observed the changes to the makeup and nature of Wynyard as it has expanded and I want to part of the valuable work that is being done to keep it safe, a great place to live and a vibrant community.

C: How did you set about making that happen?

B: I saw that the residents' association was looking for a Vice Chair in the magazine and applied. I was appointed to the role which is focused on community events and social issues such as security. Planning is not my area of responsibility within the WRA - this is dealt with by those much more knowledgeable and experienced than myself.

I am now part of the Wynyard Matters Community Events team and am right behind everything that they have done and are doing to bring people together and enhance life at Wynyard.

I also have become aware of some antisocial incidents, and worse, and want to do something to ensure our residents feel and are safe in their homes and in their vicinity here.

C: What have been your next steps?

B: I have met with Ted Allen and Debbie Shields who set up the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme at Wynyard Park and have set up Wynyard Village NHW replicating this for Wynyard Village. I have also met the PCSOs to garner police support and involvement and liaised with the security company here to work with us on this initiative.

Updating information with regard to all of this will be posted on social media and I can be contacted at villagewatch26@gmail.com. A number has also been set up to administer the scheme - 07934 752126 – on which a What's App group will also be established for residents to share information and concerns. I would also encourage residents to come to the WRA meeting on 10th March to hear more and make any points they wish to convey.

C: Thank you, Bob, for talking to me and for what you are doing.

B: Thanks Caroline



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A REVIEW OF 2025

What a great year it has been for the WRA! Since the February Annual General Meeting and the election of Andy Dennis (Chair), Simon Osborne (Treasurer) and myself, as Secretary, the WRA has continued to build on earlier progress.

As always, the ongoing issues of general estate matters have been staple features of the agenda for the monthly meetings. The WRA has tried to act as a facilitator, helping to respond to issues and, where necessary, direct them to those who are best able to resolve them.

Planning matters have always been high on the agenda as WRAAG has continued to work hard in representing the views and concerns of residents. In May 2025, after delivering residents' opposition to the 135 House application, the application was refused by SBC Planning Committee. Cameron Hall Developments had their appeal to the Planning Inspector rejected and then took the matter through a legal appeal. The Appeal Judge referred the matter back to the Building Inspectorate for a further review. On the 25 January, we received information that the appeal had been successful and that "Full Planning Permission, with Conditions" had been granted. On the 30 January, all residents should have received a letter, from WRA, announcing the outcome of the appeal and the concerns of the WRA.

In December 2025, after nearly 3 years of opposition, Cameron Hall Developments and Jomast withdrew their joint planning application for 700+ houses to be built across the Wynyard Village side of the A689.

There are still ongoing issues, like the failure of SBC and developers to provide the promised crossing over the A689 and the continued ongoing development across the whole of Wynyard.

Your representatives, through WRAAG, continue to liaise and negotiate with SBC, in a more open and supportive climate, to also bring this matter to a satisfactory conclusion.

One development that Wynyard residents would welcome would be the provision of the second primary school. The existing school is vastly oversubscribed and the promised second primary school is currently under review.

Both parish councils, supported by the WRA, have implemented plans to try and ensure that the second primary school is delivered. To this end, a petition has been started, and a public meeting was held on 23rd January at the school attended by both MPs for Wynyard and representatives from Hartlepool Borough Council.

Since December 2024 and the introduction of the WM Community Events Team, the WRA has continued to support a wide range of activities. We know just how much the various events, including the Musical Celebration of Christmas, the Easter Trail, The Family Fun Day, The Scarecrow Trail, the Luminary Event etc have been appreciated and supported by residents. The intention of the Team is still for the events to be continued, to develop and improve.

The substantial funds that have been raised through these activities, have largely been used to offer donations to a number of local charities. Your generosity and support are having a positive impact on a wide range of issues, affecting people's lives outside of Wynyard.

In January of this year, the WRA agreed to support an initiative to introduce a Neighbourhood Watch Group, south of the A689, to mirror the excellent work which has been going on in the Wynyard Park area, for a few years.

I believe that most people, living in Wynyard, are proud of their community and appreciate the hard work that so many of their neighbours contribute to maintain and enhance the quality of life in the community.

Wynyard is an exceptional place in which to live. But we should never take what we have for granted. The WRA continues to rely on your on-going support to ensure that Wynyard thrives on what has been achieved but still has a united vision of to where we believe Wynyard can progress.

Tony Maxwell



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Well, after the successes of 2025 the Wynyard Community Events team has been busy planning for 2026!

The very popular Easter Trail and Egg Decorating Competition will be held again (see the poster on page 22). Please bring your decorated egg. All eggs will be displayed on the table next to the bake sale and there will be 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes awarded.

The Family Fun Day, Scarecrow Trail and Scavenger Hunt and Musical Celebration of Christmas will also be happening again this year. There may be new features to these events so watch out for more details publicised as the year progresses on social media including our Instagram at [wynyardmatters_communityevents](#).

We are also planning a Craft & Flea Market for charity following any spring cleaning you may do (see article and details on page 17/18).

Here are all the dates: -

- 28th March 2026 – Easter Trail and Egg Design Competition
- 25th April 2026 - Craft & Flea Market
- 13th June 2026 - Family Fun Day
- 10th October 2026 – Scarecrow Trail and Scavenger Hunt
- 10th December 2026 – A Musical Celebration of Christmas

As always, we are grateful for all and any support with these events so if you can offer any help on any of these dates, please let us know. You can email me at carolinetheeditor@gmail.com.

TAKE A SEAT AND ENJOY THE VIEW

The WRA celebrated the official “seating” of the new bench on the Bellway Path on Saturday 24 January when Margaret Hunt, along with Graham Harvey cut the official ribbon.

The suggestion to request the bench sprung from a conversation between Margaret and Graham and the WRA was only too pleased to oblige.

Andy Dennis, chair of the WRA, commented, “I hope that it is the first of many.”

Pictured (L-R): Andy, Caroline Bennett (WM Magazine), Margaret, Graham and “Tiger” the dog.



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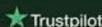
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SPRING CLEAN AND DECLUTTER – HELP YOUR HOME, YOUR MIND AND OTHERS

It's that time of year when emerging from winter, we think we really should do something about those cupboards and sort that "stuff". People say if you haven't used something or worn it for a year you should get rid of it. Well, if you're a hoarder like me who finds it very difficult to part with things - my "collections" ranging from pairs of jeans to different sized containers -that's a whole lot easier said than done!



And what about the spare room that ends up as a storeroom and that carpet cleaner that you had every intention of using on a regular basis when you bought it? The items that you fell for on Black Friday and the boxes of more "stuff" that you are "looking after" for your grown-up children which are in the loft somewhere, if not in the "storeroom"! And let's not get started on garages....they're not for cars are they???

I decided to look spring cleaning and decluttering up as a concept – not necessarily to do it, you understand – to see if there are any helpful pointers and what benefits it might bring. I found that it is not only a good idea for your home but for your mind and then I thought that maybe it could translate into a community activity to help others this year.

I learnt that it:

- Reduces Stress & Anxiety: Clutter creates visual distraction and stress; an organized space lowers cortisol levels and anxiety, promoting peace.
- Boosts Mood & Focus: Accomplishing tasks and seeing tangible results releases feel-good chemicals, improving happiness and making it easier to concentrate. Dispel decision paralysis.
- Restores Control: Tackling manageable cleaning tasks helps you feel more in control when other areas of life feel overwhelming.
- Provides a Fresh Start: It symbolizes renewal, clearing out negativity and opening you to positive change and new energy.
- Improves Air Quality: Removes dust, mould, and pet shedding that trigger allergies and respiratory issues, strengthening your immune system.
- Encourages Activity: Chores like scrubbing, vacuuming, and moving furniture provide a workout, burning calories and improving cardiovascular health.
- Creates a Safer Home: Decluttering prevents falls and injuries, and organizing items makes them easier to find, reducing daily friction.
- Promotes Better Sleep: A clean, calm bedroom environment helps you fall asleep faster and enjoy more restful sleep.
- Increases Productivity: A less cluttered environment minimizes distractions, helping you perform tasks more effectively.
- Builds Confidence: A clean, well-maintained home can boost your "house confidence" and sense of mastery.

So how best to go about it?

Make a plan!

- Set yourself up for success by setting realistic goals. Start with one drawer, one shelf or one box.
- Plan whether you are going to spring clean room by room or by items such as clothes or old files of bank statements etc.
- Schedule a date and set a timeframe.
- Organise your equipment such as cleaning materials, vacuum cleaner, mop and bucket, rubber gloves as needs be, bags/boxes for removal.
- Give yourself a reward for achieving certain stages of the process or times of the day. Not another thing to replace something you have cleared out but perhaps a coffee and a biscuit after 2 hours or half an hour with your book – but set a timer!
- If you're doing this with another person work out how the team effort is going to work best.
- Decide where you are going to put the items you are clearing out until they are properly disposed of. Make sure you have tape and stickers if they need to be packaged up and labelled.
- Work out what you do and don't need and segregate accordingly.

In other words, don't just plunge in, be organised. Thinking it through will focus your efforts, crystallise your purpose and determination and enable you to measure your success. Replace chaos with order and celebrate an organised space. Declutter your home and your mind. Reflect on what you actually need, have used and love enough to keep rather than just what must I get rid of, and notice what didn't actually belong where you'd put it in the first place.

Giving

If you do decide to spring clean and declutter and have items which can be donated to charity, you can pitch up with them at the primary school carpark on 25th April where the Wynyard Matters Community Events team will be holding a Craft & Flea Market from 12noon – 4pm. Sell them and donate your takings as a Wynyard community donation to those in need in our locality. Arrive from 11.30am, park up in the top carpark as you will be directed and you can sell from your car boot or put up your stall by your car. It will be a fun way to do some good instead of taking your things to a charity shop. Certificates of appreciation will be issued to you when you hand in your money as you leave.

Even if you don't bring any items to sell, come and buy something to either add to your home if you didn't declutter or to put in that space you've now made which will enhance your home and happiness!

Also, if you're up for it, send me before and after photos of eg. a cupboard you have cleaned, sorted and reorganised or a room with a sentence or two of how it has made a difference to you to get it done and I will write it up in the next edition. It can be entirely anonymous if you wish.

Finally, there will be some independent craft stalls to add to the variety of the day so come along and enjoy!



WYNYARD'S MUSICAL CELEBRATION OF CHRISTMAS 11TH DECEMBER 2025



All fingers were crossed that the rain would hold off for this event, and although it was cold it was crisp and dry! (Reminds me of a cooking oil from the seventies). The attendance was fantastic and judging by the mulled wine and hot chocolate, which was in greater quantities than last year, we sold out before the end of the festivities, yet again!! The mince pies and cookies followed the warm drinks just as quickly. A huge thank you to the Co-op and our new Wynyard Sainsburys for donating the mince pies.



The wonderful music was led by Susan Robertson and her colleagues from TVS. They provided both traditional Christmas carols and popular songs, both old and new. There was something for everyone! Susan had some of the local children up to the microphone to do some solo vocals and there was some fabulous crooning from Tony Maxwell.

Many thanks go to all those who attended the event and made it such a joyful experience and also donated so generously to the local charities we were supporting this Christmas.

The first of these is Rubies. After national research concluded that girls growing up in Middlesbrough were the most disadvantaged in England & Wales. Liz Edwards and Krista Coulson, the co-founders of Rubies, felt it was vital that girls in their community heard a different message about their strengths and potential.

The dedicated team of staff and volunteers now run a range of trauma-informed projects in schools and local communities across the area.

We also selected a men's mental health charity in Norton, Men's Sheds. Men's Sheds encourage people to come together to make, repair and repurpose and support projects in their local communities. Improving wellbeing, reducing loneliness and combating social isolation. Many participants are retired men seeking purpose, camaraderie, and a way to combat loneliness after leaving the workforce.

Thanks to your generosity we were able to donate £500 to each of these charities!

WMCE team



MOTHER'S DAY

Traditionally known as Mothering Sunday when people would return to the church in which they were baptised, their 'Mother' church, this day brought families and loved ones together. In time, servants in large house were given the day off as a holiday and would use this special time to visit their mothers and take home a gift. Children, who may well have left home as young as 10 years old to work could come home and would pick flowers for their mothers on the way to church.

This year it falls on 15th March. Why not make a Mother's Day card as described below?

POP UP MOTHER'S DAY CARD

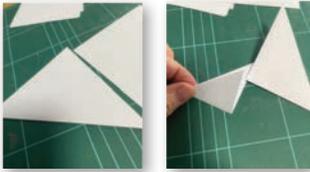
What you'll need

- Printer paper
- Double-sided tape
- Petal Template
- Cardstock paper A4 sheet
- Glue stick



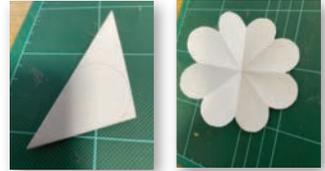
Step 1

Cut seven 10cm squares of paper in desired colours. Fold a square diagonally in half. Fold it diagonally in half again so that the square is divided into 8 triangles. Repeat with the other squares.



Step 2

Draw a petal template; cut it out and draw around it onto the triangle and cut it out. Unfold.



Step 3

Decorate. Cut one petal from the flower. Close the gap by overlapping petals on either side and securing it with a glue stick. Repeat with other squares.



Step 4

Arrange the first 3 flowers (folded in half) as they are in the picture. Use a pencil to mark dots on the middle flower as shown (blue dots)



Step 5

Apply just a spot of glue over both spots.

Step 6

Place one flower over the left glue spot and the other over the right glue spot so that it looks like the image to the right.

Step 7

Mark the top centre petal and the one to the left and right with a dot. Then place a dot of glue on each dot. The 4th flower is going to be placed over the glued dots. Match them up.



Step 8

The 5th flower is applied to the righthand side, as shown on the image below. Mark the dots add a spot of glue and place the flower over the top, matching the flower design. Repeat step 6 on the left-hand side of the flower to attach the 6th flower.



Step 9

The 7th and final flower. Mark the top centre petal and the one to the left and right with a dot. Then place a dot of glue on each dot. The 7th flower is going to be placed over the glued dots. Match them up. Allow the glue to dry then gently tease the flowers open.

Step 10

Close the bouquet and place a dot on the top centre petal. Turn it over and place a dot in exactly the same place.



Step 11

Use a piece of A4 card, and fold it in half to form a card. Place the folded bouquet inside of the opened card as shown. Place a dot of glue as shown; close card and press firmly to adhere. Open the card and repeat, attaching the other side of the flower stack to the inside of the card.



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INTERVIEW WITH ROBIN WOOLLEY, CHAIR OF WYNARD PARISH COUNCIL (STOCKTON)

I recently met up with Robin Woolley to chat about his vision for Wynyard Parish Council (Stockton) (WPCS)

C: Hi Robin and thank you for agreeing to talk to me. I know you have been the chair of the WRA and are now the chair of the WPCS. Firstly, I'm interested in your motivation to be so involved in Wynyard community affairs when you also have a busy job and young family!

R: I have lived at Wynyard for 11 years on both sides of the A689 and it is a lovely place to live. I want to do what I can to preserve its character, layout and green spaces for the people here. I became chair of the WRA in 2022 and at my first meeting we had 200 residents at the Hall all concerned with the plans to build 700 houses on the golf course. I had originally got involved to engage residents in community events as is happening now, but planning was such an issue it became the focus and I, like others, was angry at the prospect of the character of Wynyard being changed to the detriment of Wynyard and its residents, including young children such as my own. That meeting was pivotal as it galvanised residents and WRAAG was formed. It was an intense 6 months as we got to grips with the process and all the issues that needed to be examined. After then I had to step away due to work commitments and Andy Dennis became Chair. After 3 years of total commitment, the opposition to the application for 700 houses has been successful though there are of course other applications to address.

I became a parish councillor in August 2024 and Chair of WPCS in September 2025. I want to make a difference.

C: Where do you see your role moving forward now? What is your vision for Wynyard?

R: There are 2 aspects to this. Firstly, it's about the infrastructure and fabric of Wynyard. I want to continue helping to maintain Wynyard as a lovely place to live. The parish council is not against development in principle, but it is vital that we continue to scrutinise planning applications and challenge where appropriate. We also need to protect residents through effective security eg. fully working streetlighting and support events through the WRA. Residents can come to me with information and concerns, and I will ensure that they are addressed by the right person/body. Secondly, I want to develop and enhance our relationship with Wynyard Estates. I would like to see real collaboration regarding footpaths and walkways for example to ensure they are safe for running and walking throughout Wynyard. I would like more clarity on who owns which pieces of land at Wynyard so we can look into creating something like a sports pitch or other facilities for our young people. I would like to have a fresh and open dialogue with WES and Cameron Hall - we are statutorily bound to engage on planning applications as a parish council and to react according to the majority of residents – it would be such a step forward to reset the way in which we all communicate with each other.

C: What other relationships are you developing?

R: We are working much closer with Wynyard Parish Council (Hartlepool) and are having joint meetings on a regular basis. We are both concerned about the same things, and they affect the whole of Wynyard and the quality of life here. We are also much more collaborative with the WRA, and a great example of all of this 3-way effort is the meeting held at the primary school on 23rd January to talk about the petition against the government's decision to cancel to the plans for a second primary school here. This links everyone together and is about the future of Wynyard along with the building of houses. My driver is to continue to work together as a community for the benefit of Wynyard as it is now and into the next generations.

C: Thank you so much for sharing your vision and your energy, Robin. I can see your passion for Wynyard, and it is reflected in all those who engage in the community whatever their individual role. The key is that we are all going in the same direction for the benefit of Wynyard which as you said at the beginning of our chat is a lovely place to live.

R: Thank you, Caroline. Anyone can contact me at wynyardparishcouncil@gmail.com and I will do all I can to help.



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Wynyard Parish Council (Stockton) Update

26/27 Precept – Important Update

The Council has taken the unusual step of setting no precept for the 2026/27 financial year. The reason behind this decision is that over the previous few years, we have built up a sizeable surplus in our accounts. This surplus has arisen because we have had limited opportunity to spend these funds for the benefit of residents and we do not own assets that require regular spending to maintain them (as many other Parish Councils do, such as sports fields, community centre, a cemetery etc). With this in mind, the Council deemed it to not be in the interest of residents for us to levy a Precept for this year. The lack of spending on initiatives for residents is not through a lack of ideas, time or motivation, however. We're in the situation whereby we do not own any of the land in Wynyard, so if we wanted to fund something like a sports pitch, allotments or contribute capital towards the general upkeep of the estate, we could not do so without the permission of and involvement of the landowner. In most cases, this would be Wynyard Estate Services. As mentioned in a previous update, we are working hard to build a positive relationship with WES and hopefully unlock the potential to spend some of our surplus in the interests of the community.

Until such time as this is likely, we hope residents will understand and appreciate our rationale behind no precept this year. I would emphasise that we anticipate this would be a one-off situation and that something will be levied next year.

Education

There is an important education update elsewhere in this issue, which we would urge everyone to read and support. The Council has been working together with WPC(H), the WRA, HBC and both of our local MPs to appeal against the decision to place the second Wynyard primary school on the government's 'minded to cancel' list.

Planning

The Council has noted the recent Planning Inspectorate's appeal verdict on the 22/2579/FUL planning application, which has granted permission for 135 houses to be built in Wynyard. We have not had a full Council meeting this decision was published, so this will be an item for discussion during the February meeting. Any comments from the Parish Council on this matter, where relevant, will be shared in my next Wynyard Matters update.

Crime

We have been notified by a few residents over the last couple of months regarding burglaries and instances of anti-social behaviour happening in various parts of Wynyard. This is something that has been a concern for the Council for some time. As a result, we have invited the Police & Crime Commissioner for Cleveland to attend our February Council meeting, where we will be sharing some of the recent reports, trends and concerns, in the hope that we can get increased resources deployed to Wynyard. As ever, we would urge residents to take all the necessary home security measures and to report all incidents to both WES Security and the Police. It really helps to build an accurate picture of the current situation, especially if we have a log of crime numbers that we can refer to.

Streetlights, potholes and uneven paths

Off the back of the reports of crime and anti-social behaviour that I received, I was also approached by several residents to report their concerns around broken streetlights in Wynyard, causing them to feel unsafe when walking in the dark. There were similar concerns raised to me regarding potholes and uneven paths around the estate too. Residents have told me that they've reported these individually to the relevant council authority but haven't been getting much traction. Therefore, I've decided to create a mechanism to allow residents to report broken street lights, potholes or uneven paths to the Council and we will raise these collectively with the relevant authorities.

I'd ask residents to raise these issues by emailing wynyard.reports@gmail.com – please provide as much detail as possible (including a specific location). A photograph and a what3words address would be especially useful. All submissions will be collated and then submitted to the relevant authority on the last Friday of each month. Having everything centrally collated and submitted together will hopefully allow scrutiny of the submissions and the easy tracking of any work carried out.

Robin Woolley, Chair WPC(S)

THANK YOU TO THE WYNYARD MATTERS DISTRIBUTION TEAM!

The Wynyard Matters distribution team do a fantastic job sorting and delivering 2600 magazines to properties in Wynyard every quarter. As soon as the magazines are ready, they are swiftly divided up into boxes to be dropped off at those who then sub divide them into bundles and take them to deliveres in their vicinity so it is a widening circle of activity to ensure that you receive your magazine at the end of February, May, August and November each year.

The team is made of 47 volunteers and rain or shine they are out on the streets of Wynyard – 120 in all - pushing the magazine through the letterboxes of homes, businesses and show houses. Without them the news of what is going on, and the experience of real community would be diminished and they are enormously appreciated.

There is always a need for more help so if you are willing, please contact Ian Robertson at ianrobertson1962@yahoo.co.uk

Volunteers are specifically needed for:

- Sylvan Mews
- Cameron Hall Development – Stewarts Close/The Racecourse
- Bellway Phase 3
- Robertson Homes Phase 2 – Alder Way/Eden Gardens
- Cameron Court self builds



Additionally, if there is anyone who would be available on an ad hoc basis to cover absentees on either the North or South of the A689, that would be extremely helpful.

MAKE AN EASTER CARD!

What you'll need

Two pieces of card or paper (A4 is easiest but any size will do)
Scissors
A pencil
Felt tips, crayons or colouring pencils

Suitable for...
Age 4 and up.

Step 1

Fold your card or paper in half. Find about halfway down the folded edge and draw a line about 5 cm long from the edge towards the centre. Cut on the line with your scissors.



Step 2

Use the cut you just made to fold one triangle upwards, and one downwards (like in the picture).

Now fold these flaps back into the centre and turn over your card. Fold your flaps in the same way again and then fold them back into the centre.



Step 3

Now the tricky bit! Hold your paper so it looks like a roof. Put your finger on the top triangle and push down. Pinch along all of the folds so that the triangle is pushed through to the other side of the paper.

Do the same with the bottom triangle. Your top and bottom triangle will now be pushed out to form a beak inside your card.



Step 4

Open and close your card so it looks like you have a mouth that is talking or biting!

Now you need to draw your chick around the mouth/ beak.



Step 5

Fold your second sheet of card in half, so that it is the same size as the one you have been working on, this is the backing sheet. You are going to arrange the backing card and the inside card as it is shown in the picture, one inside the other, the inside card should be folded in half.



Step 6

You need to use a sharp pencil to draw the inverted 'V' shapes on both the left (flip the internal card over) then the right side. You should have a diamond shape.

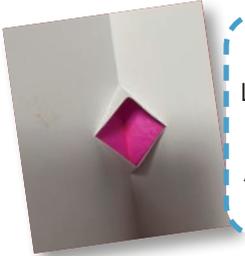
Use a pink or red colour to apply inside the diamond and a bit over the edges too. This will create the inside of the chick's mouth.



Step 7

Line up your backing card and the internal card and glue together using a glue stick. Spend some time smoothing it down.

Add a design and an Easter message on the front of your card and a personal message to your recipient inside.



WYNYARD CHRISTMAS EVE LUMINARY 2025

Christmas gave us another opportunity as a community to raise money for a local charity. The Wynyard luminary has proved popular in the past, so we decided to select another deserving local charity.

Packs went on sale 13th – 14th December. Members of the Wynyard Matters Community Events team pitched up at the village shops selling packs direct to the residents. The Co-op also had some stock for the early birds! We had a brilliant two days selling the luminary packs and enjoying conversations with many of those who purchased packs and made donations.

We had 300 packs to start with, and by Sunday afternoon we had nothing left to sell. which was incredible!

Our chosen charity for this initiative was The Headlight Project, 'a guiding light when the road ahead is dark', which resonates beautifully with the luminary.

The North-East has one of the highest suicide rates in the country. The Headlight Project aims to reduce the number of deaths by suicide in our local area. They aim to support those bereaved by suicide through specialist 1-2-1 counselling, play therapy for children, various trauma therapies and support groups. Through awareness presentations & campaigns, evidence-based training, education & workshops they aim to provide our local community with the knowledge and skills to help reduce the number of deaths by suicide.

Our community certainly came together as we were able to donate an amazing £1500 in total to the Headlight Project.

Many thanks to all those who supported this event.



Wynyard Parish Council (Hartlepool) Update

Primary School

Since our last update a lot of our focus has been on appealing against the Government's decision to potentially cancel the new primary school at Wynyard Park. Please refer to the separate article on the school within this magazine. Wynyard Parish Council (Hartlepool) would like to thank Wynyard Parish Council (Stockton) and the Wynyard Residents Association (WRA) for their support with the appeal. The three groups have worked very well together as one team.

Planning Application H/2025/0200

Hartlepool Borough Council Planning Committee has recently approved 335 houses to be built by Taylor Wimpey adjacent to Siskin Park within Wynyard Park. These houses are in addition to the 170 to be built by Bellway approved in December 2025. All of these houses are part of the outline planning approval for 1,200 houses on Wynyard Park granted in February 2025.

The Parish Council (PC) were notified that the southern spine road, which will link the western end of Wynyard Park (The Meadows) with the Roseberry Retail Centre (Hanzard Drive), will be completed by October 2027.

Construction has already commenced on the spine road at The Meadows roundabout for the installation of surface water drains. This road is to be used initially as the main source of access to the Duchy Phase 2 development (The Hollies).

The PC has been informed by Wynyard Park that the spine road will also provide both pedestrian and cycle pathways allowing access to the Roseberry Retail Centre and future leisure facilities (padel courts).

Liaison with Wynyard Park

The PC has requested a tripartite meeting between the PC, Wynyard Park and Hartlepool Borough Council to discuss various issues on Wynyard Park for example, planning applications, potholes, speeding, landscaping and general maintenance. An update will be included in the Wynyard Matters Summer 2026 magazine.

Bellway Homes

The PC are in discussions with Bellway Homes regarding the installation of a bus shelter, to be paid for by the PC with Grantscape funding, to be sited near the Wynyard Woods Care Home on Wynyard Woods. An update on the bus shelter will be included in the Wynyard Matters Summer 2026 magazine.

Community Speed Watch

The local police carried out a community speed watch on 22nd December 2025 near to Coppice Lane and they did not establish anyone speeding at that time. Further speed checks in other areas of Wynyard have been requested by the PC.

The Parish Council Precept

The PC has submitted a precept application to Hartlepool Borough Council for £24,200 for the year 2026/27. This means there is no increase in the Parish Council precept charge for each household compared to last year.

Residents are encouraged to attend upcoming PC meetings to have their say and also to stay informed via noticeboards and the PC website at: <https://wynyard-hartlepool-pc.gov.uk/>



FETA, HONEY AND DATE SPREAD

Ingredients

- 4 oz crumbled feta
- 2 oz toasted almonds*, coarsely chopped
- 2 oz pitted dates, chopped
- 2 tablespoons fresh marjoram or 1 tablespoon fresh thyme, chopped
- 2 teaspoons finely shredded lemon peel
- 1 oz honey
- 1 oz teaspoon cayenne pepper

Method

In a serving bowl gently stir together feta, almonds, dates, and lemon peel. In a small microwave-safe bowl combine honey and cayenne. Warm in microwave for 15 seconds. Drizzle over spread; fold gently to combine. Serve with pita bread or as you wish.



FROM HIVE TO HONEY: MEET OUR LOCAL BEEKEEPER

You may not always notice them, but honeybees are busy at work all around us, helping our gardens grow and our food thrive. One local resident who knows just how special they are is James Dean, a beekeeper who cares for hives right here in our area.

James told me that his beekeeping journey began with his father, who kept bees for many years. When it became too difficult for him to continue, he passed one of his old hives on to James. After carefully fixing it up, James spent two years trying to catch a swarm of bees. Eventually, he started with a small colony and, once they survived their first winter and produced their first honey, he was completely hooked.



Today, five years on, James looks after twelve hives and is still learning something new every season.

Inside a beehive, life is always changing. During winter, bees huddle together to keep warm and protect their queen, living off the honey they have stored. When spring arrives, the hive becomes busy and full of energy. The queen can lay over a thousand eggs a day, and by summer there can be around 50,000 bees working together. As the weather cools, the queen slows down and special “winter bees” are born to help the hive survive until spring returns.

The honey James produces tastes different depending on what the bees can find nearby. Bees fly up to three miles from their hive, collecting nectar from local trees, flowers and plants. Spring honey often turns solid quite quickly, while summer honey usually stays runny. This is completely natural and shows the honey is real and untreated.

Many people worry about bees, but James reassures us that swarms are not dangerous. When bees swarm, they are simply looking for a new home and are usually very calm. James has watched many swarms up close without any problems.

Bees do face challenges, including pests, loss of wild spaces and changing weather. This makes looking after them even more important. Bees are one of our main pollinators and help produce around a third of the food we eat. Without them, many plants, trees and crops would struggle to grow.

For James, beekeeping has taught patience and respect for nature. While he hopes families enjoy his honey, his biggest wish is that people help protect bees in simple ways, such as planting flowers, leaving grass uncut in spring or avoiding chemicals in gardens.

Every jar of honey tells a story, but it also reminds us how important it is to look after the small creatures that do such a big job.



CODGERS CORNER... WHAT DOES THAT DO???

Dear Reader,

Quick question.....When was the last time you actually really looked at your car's steering wheel?

Today whilst waiting for my in-house Codger to reappear from the Post Office (sometimes the queue is so long I send him in with a flask and a couple of sandwiches) I glanced down at my well used wheel and, not for the first time, thought what are all those buttons for?



Bearing in mind that our car will be celebrating its 5th birthday in June, I will freely admit that I haven't a clue. Nor have any of them been touched (even a CSI wouldn't be able to find any fingerprints or DNA) despite a handbook of explanations as thick as "War and Peace". As shocking as it may seem I have always read the accompanying tome with each change of car. However, I had to wave a white flag when the latest explanations were so complex I had to check if I was reading the pages in the Spanish section. Even the pictures/symbols don't make it obvious; to be honest I just liked the leather steering wheel and contrasting white stitching.

In the halcyon days of the past the only "extras" provided were a horn, a handle to wind down the windows and two keys, one to gain entry and one to start the engine.

Most dads in the '50s spent Sunday flat on their back under their car draining the oil and head under the bonnet filtering filters and sparking up spark plugs. They always seemed to know how to fix any problems, despite never taking a "Car Maintenance Course", and with only an oily rag managed to avoid umpteen services at eye-watering prices.



In an emergency there was always the friendly AA man to ride to your rescue on his motorbike, while saluting all the drivers who were proudly displaying their shiny AA badge on their radiator grilles.

Now we face a phalanx of options which would bamboozle our friend Robby the Robot (see "Codgers Corner" Edition 49 – displayed on your Essential Reading shelf). In essence the first law of Robotics is to "Do No Harm to Humans" but those who have read/watched Isaac Asimov's "I Robot" 1950/2004 (Will Smith film), will appreciate that this is not as straight forward as it seems.

There are so many bells and whistles in YT's wheels that you would need the skills of a Boeing 747 pilot to navigate the console. Recently, I stretched across to activate the "Sound System" and despite the feather light touch, instead, up popped a not very happy Ms. Sat Nav. Needless to say she insisted that I turn round at the first "opportunity to do so safely" and after a few miles of frantic pressing everything within arm's reach, she became a little more insistent and, I have to say, a tad threatening. Several hours and miles later and finally back at Ground Zero she backed off and fell into a merciful sulky silence.



Don't get me going on buzzers going off and alarm bells ringing akin to "PULL UP" in the event of an aeroplane plummeting to oblivion, when a wheel wanders off the straight and narrow!

The back window wiper seems to have a life of its own and fog lights take so long to navigate that by the time they co-operate you are reaching for the sun visor to prevent your retinas being burned out!

Heaven forfend when driverless cars become the norm...getting locked in with a rogue automaton, with a swivelling head is a thing of nightmares (see "Total Recall" Arnold Schwarzenegger, 1990).

And on that mind boggling thought I'm off to see if I'll be allowed access to the boot of my car to find a can of spray to melt its icy heart!



Stay safe (and alert).

Until next time, YT.

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BACK IN THE THICK OF IT AGAIN

In 2021 I wrote a poem for Wynyard Matters. I had moved to Wynyard from London in July 2019 on my own as my partner was still working in London and in March 2020 we were plunged into the 1st national lockdown and couldn't travel anywhere. The 3rd lockdown eased on 29th March 2021 allowing me to celebrate my 60th birthday on 1st April with 2 other couples with social distancing in place. Not long after that I could travel to London to see my friends and family. Life started to open up again with returning energy and anticipation.

I wrote this poem at that time to convey my joy at this and also my pleasure at returning home to Wynyard. I have added in the last verse just now after 5 years to convey how happy I am living in and being a part of the community at Wynyard: -

*Off the train, straight into a cab and sitting back I breathe in London and I love it!
The road is noisy, smelly and busy, people crowd the pavements
And a police car invades the traffic, siren screaming while a digger judders.
I can't help smiling as my heart rate increases.
I'm back in the thick of it again.*

*Get to the flat, dump my stuff and walking round to my friend's I relish the familiarity, the pace and expectancy!
We go out to dinner where there is music and laughter,
Hustle and bustle, buzzing conversation and life
I can't help smiling as I soak up the atmosphere.
I'm back in the thick of it again.*

*Next couple of days I see my children and looking at them I am so proud to be their mum!
We hug and chatter and go to Soho to eat tacos
Enjoying the regained freedom to link our arms and be close.
I can't help smiling as I experience this joy.
I'm back in the thick of it again.*

*Spend time with my dad and amazed by his energy I laugh as we go to a bouncing 1960s party!
At 92 he's dancing and joking with his Frank Sinatra hat on - I'm just relieved he didn't do karaoke
and sing I did it my way!
I can't help smiling as I feel the vibrancy.
I'm back in the thick of it again.*

*Carry on meeting great friends, so much eating and drinking I picnic in the park in the driving rain!
Soggy food but with champagne under the trees
We retire to the pub, reminisce over drinks and hug goodbye
I can't help smiling as I tap into the camaraderie.
I'm back in the thick of it again.*

*On the train home after a hectic week, writing this poem I reflect on the time away I've just had.
Feels like a month of frenetic activity condensed into 10 days
And I'm glad to be going home to my space and my life there,
A warm blanket of love, friendships, humour and activity.
I can't help smiling as I long for home now where
I'll be back in the thick of it again.*



*Five years on I'm immersed in my community
Energised with purpose and enjoying it all.
Covid was sobering and life reduced to a daily walk and zoom
But the thread of human contact remained, enhanced through necessity
Then broadened and strengthened as the world reset its way of life
I can't help smiling as I delight in my friendships and my life here where I am so glad
I'm back in the thick of it again.*

Caroline Bennett 2021 and 2026.

SPRING BOUQUET TRAYBAKE

Ingredients

- 150g butter softened, plus extra for the tin
- 225g caster sugar
- 175g self-raising flour
- 50g ground almonds
- 1 tsp baking powder
- 3 medium eggs
- 100ml full-fat natural yogurt
- 1 tsp vanilla extract

For the icing

- 200g butter (softened)
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 400g icing sugar (sieved)
- 1-2 tbsp milk
- pink and purple food colouring gels
- 50g green fondant icing

Method

Heat the oven to 180C/160C fan/gas 4. Butter a 20cm x 30cm cake tin and line with two strips of baking parchment, leaving one strip overhanging to help you lift the sponge out once it is cooked. Beat all the sponge ingredients together in a large bowl using an electric whisk until combined, light and fluffy, about 2 mins. Scrape into the tin and smooth to the edges with a spatula. Bake for 25-30 mins until risen and golden. Check the cake is cooked by inserting a skewer into the centre – if there's wet cake mixture on the skewer, return to the oven for 5 mins more, then check again. Leave to cool for 20 mins in the tin, then transfer to a wire rack to cool completely.



Next, beat the butter and vanilla together in a large bowl with an electric whisk until smooth. Add half the sugar and beat well. Add the remaining sugar and the milk, and beat again until smooth. Put two-thirds of the icing in a bowl and mix in a drop of pink food colouring. Put the remaining third in another bowl and mix in a drop of purple food colouring.

Shape the green fondant into mini leaf shapes and press veins into them using a cocktail stick. Set aside.

Flip the sponge onto a plate or board and peel off the parchment. Put a large, curved star nozzle in a piping bag, then fill with the pink icing. Hold the bag directly above the cake and pipe a swirl in a clockwise motion, applying a steady pressure until you have a flower shape. Continue piping flowers over the sponge in a random arrangement until the pink icing has been used up.

Fill the piping bag with the purple icing and fill any gaps with more flowers or individual blobs of icing. When the cake is completely covered, poke the green fondant leaves in around the flowers. Cut into squares to serve. Will keep in a cool place in an airtight container for up to three days.

APRIL FOOLS' DAY



*"The first of April some do say,
Is set apart for All Fools' Day;
But why the people call it so
Nor I, nor they themselves, do know...!"*

18th century folk rhyme



As someone who was born on 1st April, I have been a long suffering butt of jokes about my birthday - of which there have been many – jokes and birthdays! - and so I have done some research into why the day is one for pranking and joking, some of the most famous jokes and also to discover who else was born on this day more interesting than myself which may elevate the day beyond a joke ... !

Some believe the tradition started because of events in the calendar.

Something called renewal festivals date back to Roman times. These were big celebrations at the start of a new year or season. As part of the festivities normal life went out of the window. According to historian Andrea Livesey, "servants could control masters and children were allowed to control their parents".

March is the time of the Spring Equinox, so people think the joker tradition could come from this, as the beginning of spring and planting flowers were once considered the start of the new year.

So, when new year moved to the beginning of January, instead of the end of March, those who continued to celebrate it at the end of March, rather than on 1 January like we do today, were considered to be fools and had jokes played on them.

The earliest records of 1 April being marked in this way are from France and Holland in the 1500s and, because of this, people believe that it could have been a northern European tradition that spread to Britain.

It is actually known as April Fish Day in some areas of Europe.

People think this is because there are a lot of fish in French streams and rivers around 1 April, and they are easy to catch.

Apparently, it is still a common trick in France, and elsewhere in Europe, to attach a paper fish to somebody's back on April Fools' Day, and also to give chocolate fish as gifts.

One of the most famous April Fools' Day pranks ever was a BBC film about "Spaghetti Trees". BBC News filmed a fake story showing what they said was people harvesting spaghetti from trees in Switzerland in 1957. At the time spaghetti was a new food to many people in the UK, and 8 million people saw the programme. It caused lots of people to call in asking for advice on how to grow spaghetti trees.

One BBC call responder allegedly said, "place a sprig of spaghetti in a tin of tomato sauce and hope for the best!" This famous April Fools pranked millions!

Another of the best April Fools pranks was when millions were convinced penguins could fly! A BBC film pretended to have found a new colony of penguins in Antarctica which took to the sky.

I have also found out that Otto Von Bismarck, Sergei Rachmaninoff, Debbie Reynolds, Chris Evans and Ali MacGraw were also born on 1st April and Susan Boyle was born on exactly the same day as me! Are they more interesting than me? Hmmm!!! 😂



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY AT A GLANCE

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MARCH 2026

- 2nd Service at Wynyard Woods care home 2pm then tea and chat. All welcome
- 3rd Nordic Walking 10am, The Stables car park
- 4th Wynyard Woodland Walk, 10am, café platform, Wynyard Woodland Park, Station House Visitors Centre
- 4th Meet and Greet and The Coffee Group coffee morning 11 am at the Glasshouse, Wynyard**
- 5th Library van outside Stables 2.30-3pm - come for a cuppa in pub after.
- 7th Parkrun Wynyard Woodland Park Station House café 9am. See <https://www.parkrun.org.uk>.
- 10th Nordic Walking 10am, The Stables car park
- 10th WRA meeting, Wynyard Primary School 6.30pm*
- 11th Meet and Greet and The Coffee Group coffee morning 11 am at the Glasshouse, Wynyard**
- 14th Hartlepool Farmers Market, 9am – 2pm, Hartlepool Marina
- 14th Parkrun Wynyard Woodland Park Station House café 9am. See <https://www.parkrun.org.uk>.
- 15th Wynyard Farmers Market, 9am – 2pm, Wynyard Hall Walled Garden.
- 16th Wynyard Parish Council (Stockton) meeting, STEAM Room, Wynyard Primary School 6.30pm*
- 17th Nordic Walking 10am, The Stables car park
- 18th Meet and Greet and The Coffee Group coffee morning 11 am at the Glasshouse, Wynyard**
- 18th Wynyard Woodland Walk, 10am, café platform, Wynyard Woodland Park, Station House Visitors Centre
- 21st Parkrun Wynyard Woodland Park Station House café 9am. See <https://www.parkrun.org.uk>.
- 24th Nordic Walking 10am, The Stables car park
- 25th Meet and Greet and The Coffee Group coffee morning 11 am at the Glasshouse, Wynyard**
- 25th Wynyard Parish Council (Hartlepool) meeting, Wynyard Hall 6.30pm*
- 26th Library van outside Stables 2.30-3pm - come for a cuppa in pub after.
- 28th Parkrun Wynyard Woodland Park Station House café 9am. See <https://www.parkrun.org.uk>.
- 28th Easter Trail and Egg Design Competition, 19 The Stables 10am – 12 noon
- 31st Nordic Walking 10am, The Stables car park
- 31st Meet and Greet 2 - 4pm, Golf Club

APRIL 2026

- 1st Wynyard Woodland Walk, 10am, café platform, Wynyard Woodland Park, Station House Visitors Centre
- 4th Parkrun Wynyard Woodland Park Station House café 9am. See <https://www.parkrun.org.uk>.
- 5th Vine church Easter Service, Wynyard Primary School 3pm
- 7th Nordic Walking 10am, The Stables car park
- 8th Meet and Greet and The Coffee Group coffee morning 11 am at the Glasshouse, Wynyard**
- 11th Parkrun Wynyard Woodland Park Station House café 9am. See <https://www.parkrun.org.uk>.
- 11th Hartlepool Farmers Market, 9am – 2pm, Hartlepool Marina
- 14th Nordic Walking 10am, The Stables car park
- 14th WRA meeting Wynyard Primary School 6.30pm*
- 15th Meet and Greet and Coffee Group coffee morning 11 am at the Glasshouse, Wynyard**
- 15th Wynyard Woodland Walk, 10am, café platform, Wynyard Woodland Park, Station House Visitors Centre
- 16th Library van outside Stables 2.30-3pm - come for a cuppa in pub after.
- 18th Parkrun Wynyard Woodland Park Station House café 9am. See <https://www.parkrun.org.uk>.
- 18th Wynyard Farmers Market, 9am – 2pm, Wynyard Hall Walled Garden.
- 20th Service at Wynyard Woods care home 2pm then tea and chat. All welcome
- 21st Nordic walking 10am The Stables car park
- 21st Meet and Greet and Coffee Group coffee morning 11 am at the Glasshouse, Wynyard**

21st Wynyard Parish Council (Stockton) meeting, STEAM Room, Wynyard Primary School 6.30pm*
25th Parkrun Wynyard Woodland Park Station House café 9am. See <https://www.parkrun.org.uk>.
28th Nordic Walking 10am, The Stables car park
28th Meet and Greet 2 - 4pm, Golf Club
29th Meet and Greet and The Coffee Group coffee morning 11am at the Glasshouse, Wynyard**

MAY 2026

5th Nordic Walking 10am, The Stables car park
6th Meet and Greet and Coffee Group coffee morning 11am at the Glasshouse, Wynyard**
6th Wynyard Woodland Walk, 10am, café platform, Wynyard Woodland Park, Station House Visitors Centre
7th Library van outside Stables 2.30-3pm - come for a cuppa in pub after.
9th Parkrun Wynyard Woodland Park Station House café 9am. See <https://www.parkrun.org.uk>.
9th Hartlepool Farmers Market, 9am – 2pm, Hartlepool Marina
12th Nordic Walking 10am The Stables car park
12th WRA meeting Wynyard primary School 6.30pm*
13th Meet and Greet and Coffee Group coffee morning 11am at the Glasshouse, Wynyard**
16th Parkrun Wynyard Woodland Park Station House café 9am. See <https://www.parkrun.org.uk>.
15th Wynyard Farmers Market, 9am – 2pm, Wynyard Hall Walled Garden.
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20th Wynyard Woodland Walk, 10am, café platform, Wynyard Woodland Park, Station House Visitors Centre
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23rd Parkrun Wynyard Woodland Park Station House café 9am. See <https://www.parkrun.org.uk>.
26th Nordic Walking 10am, The Stables car park
26th Meet and Greet 2 - 4pm, Golf Club
27th Meet and Greet and Coffee Group coffee morning 11am at the Glasshouse, Wynyard**
28th Library van outside Stables 2.30-3pm - come for a cuppa in pub after.
30th Parkrun Wynyard Woodland Park Station House café 9am. See <https://www.parkrun.org.uk>.

*** Please check <https://wynyardmatters.org>; wynyardparishcouncil@gmail.com; and <https://wynyard-hartlepool-pc.gov.uk/> respectively for updating information including meeting dates.**

**** Remember The Coffee Group also meets Monday, Tuesday, Friday and Saturday at 10.30 am at the Garden Café and Thursdays at 3pm at the Stables pub.**

**Otherwise for more information visit , <https://wynyardmatters.org>; [wynyardmatters_communityevents](#); [Wynyard Residents Facebook](#); and www.activehartlepool.co.uk/walking (wellbeing walks)
<https://wynyard.church> (Vine Church services/ groups)**



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