

The Warley Lantern

Welcome to the Summer 2026 newsletter

A note from the WCA Chair



Welcome to our local newsletter for Warley residents and their friends.

I'm Cal Leslie, Chair of the Warley Community Association (WCA). My partner and I moved to Warley just over a year ago and I'm originally from Northumberland. Although I'm not from the area, I can see that there is a strong community spirit in the village and it's important to me to be part of that wherever I live.

The WCA is a committee formed of local residents who volunteer to fundraise, lobby councillors and arrange events on behalf of the Warley village residents. We meet monthly and have quarterly open meetings where all residents are welcome to attend. Our aim is to represent you and air your concerns as well as providing opportunities to meet up as a community at our WCA events.

Speaking of events, we are in association with the Maypole jointly organising the Thursday night quiz, This provides a regular fund raising income and an opportunity to meet the wider community. We are planning other events for the rest of this year... read on to find out where and when.

We'd love to hear from you to steer our work going forward so please keep informed or get in touch by:

- Joining our Facebook group: "Warley Town Community Association".
- Look at our website: www.warleyca.org.uk
- Emailing: chair@warleyca.org.uk
- Checking out the village notice-board
- Joining our WhatsApp by scanning the adjacent QR code:

Warley Matters
WhatsApp group



See you around the village,

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Warley Calendar 2027

We are planning on having a theme of 'Heritage Houses' of Warley this year. If you would like to order one, or more, then email us at calendars@warleyca.org.uk. Last year, many people were disappointed that they didn't manage to get one. We will print more this year but please request in advance to make sure of your calendar.

WCA Admin

Since last year, our previous Chair, June Illingworth, has retired from the post. We thank her for many years of service and wish her well in her 'retirement'.

Additionally, we have welcomed an additional committee member and Jon Veal is now the vice-chair of the Association. Many people know Jon from his previous involvement with the Vandals Rugby Club.

Warley Christmas Tree 2026

If we are to have a tree in Warley this year, the total cost is likely to be about £1200. We would hope to raise some of this from calendar sales and the quiz, but would very much



appreciate donations in advance of us having to decide whether to go ahead with it. If you would like to donate towards the cost, please drop us an email at 'enquiries@warleyca.org.uk'. Alternatively, use this QR Code to donate directly using your phone.



Speeding and anti social issues in Warley

These issues continue in the village with little or no help at all from the Highways Dept at Calderdale Council or the Police. Despite repeated requests for the 20mph signs to go back up after they were all taken down in March (presumably meaning the speed limit can't be enforced without the repeater signs) and a lack of Police presence, especially after the accident on Warley Town Lane in June, we now have a renewed effort to get resolutions to these serious issues.

Kate Dearden MP for Halifax, visited the village in June and took our concerns seriously and is now working with Highways to get a resolution to slow speeding drivers.

In addition to the missing signage, we are also looking to improve other signage and lines on the various roads around Warley -

- *Top of Windle Royd Lane / Stocks Lane - Give Way Signs and Lines*
- *Cliffe Hill Lane / Winterburn Lane - Give Way Signage and Lines*
- *Warley Town Lane - further traffic calming and signage*

We also continue to press for a digital speed sign on Warley Town Lane which could be connected to Halifax Police Station. There are a number of communities in Calderdale who are looking at this and we will be working with them to have one of these signs in the village.

At time of writing, the Police are still to attend the village to carry out Operation Hawmill and we continue to press them for this presence in the village to act as a deterrent for speeding drivers and anti-social behaviour.

What can you do?

- *Email Cal, our Chair at Warley Resident Association at chair@warleyca.org.uk if you have any more concerns or suggestions.*
- *Report any anti-social behaviour around the village, including in the village car park, to the **Police on 101**. Multiple reports of the same event by residents will help us to encourage a Police presence in the village and surrounding areas.*
- *Email our MP, Kate Dearden - kate.dearden.mp@parliament.uk with any concerns you have regarding speeding, anti social behaviour in Warley and the surround area. Her office "are very aware of our issues and will help us resolve them."*



Sowerby Walkers And Ramblers



Are you are keen walker or would like to start walking to get fitter, to make new friends and to get to know Calderdale a bit better? If so, then come and join our walking group, Sowerby Walkers and Ramblers.

All the walks are free, there is no membership, you just turn up and walk.

We have beginners groups walking 3-5 miles, an intermediate group walking 5-8 miles weekly and an advanced group who walk even longer and faster on a monthly basis.

You would be very welcome to join us.

For more information, visit www.sowerbywalkers.com

We are pleased to announce that this year's Warley Calendar will be sponsored by Ellete Waste Management who are based in Sowerby Bridge. Please use their services if you require any aspects of waste management such as skip hire.



Watch Out For

We are hoping to arrange a coffee morning and family quiz one Saturday in the Maypole. The date is still to be confirmed but keep watching out - it will be advertised on all channels.

A few years ago we produced, in association with Warley Town School and Ryburn Valley High, a DVD video of people's memories of Warley. This will soon be available to stream or download.

St John the Evangelist Warley & St Hilda Halifax Church at Cote Hill



It will be two years in July since the Rev Caroline Greenwood moved on to be Rector of Dewsbury Minister. Fortunately, due to assistance from retired clergy, licensed Lay Readers, leaders and preachers, it has been possible to continue church services at the usual times, as shown on the church noticeboard and on the church website. In addition to services, all regular activities associated with the church have continued uninterrupted. Hopefully in the next twelve months we will see a new full-time priest taking up duties at Warley and living within the parish.

Weddings, funerals, baptisms and pastoral visits are continuing as usual.

Contact number for enquiries to do with most Church matters is 01422 367979
Contact numbers for Mums & Toddlers enquires are 07957 520409 & 07976 820880
Contact number for Beavers, Cubs, Scouts & Explorer Scouts 07976 820880
Contact number for Rainbows & Brownies 07796 201882
Contact number for Chatty Café 01422 367979
Contact number for Warley Preschool 07976 020880
Contact number for Mothers Union 07761 684407
Contact number for Retired Minister serving the parish 01422 323991

Church Websites and Social Media details:

stjohnschurchwarley.wixsite.com/stjohn
www.leeds.anglican.org
www.churchofengland.org

Facebook: St John, Warley & St Hilda, Halifax; Instagram: [stjohnschurchwarley](https://www.instagram.com/stjohnschurchwarley)

Upcoming Events

Date tbc - Family coffee morning, with quiz, at the Maypole.

5th September - Rushbearing starts St John's Church 09.30

8th November - Remembrance Day Service - Village Centre @ 10.45 then St John's

Second half of November - WCA AGM. Watch out for information as to date and venue.

5th December - Christmas event @ The Maypole. See notices for confirmation of date and timings nearer the date.

Every 2nd Tuesday of the month, **Chatty Cafe** takes place at the Church. Lunch is available plus opportunity for fellowship and meeting friends.

Every Thursday at 8.30 quiz at the Maypole. It's best to arrive by 8pm to ensure a table.

Contacts

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