

# Oswaldkirk Village Information Booklet

## 'Os-Gen' 2020



Greetings! Whether you're an established Oswaldkirkian or a new arrival we hope that this booklet will provide information of some benefit or importance as you go about your business in this, sometimes not so quiet, corner of 'God's Own County'.

Originally created in the early 2000s as a paper booklet for the benefit of those recently embraced into the bosom of our small community, it's far from comprehensive and only one of many sources of information. If all else fails and you can't find what you're looking for just ask around! We may only number 230 or so persons but we're generally a friendly bunch. Furthermore villagers are happy to help their neighbours - elderly, vulnerable or otherwise - with little jobs or problems. Whether it's changing a light bulb, unblocking a drain, arranging a lift to an appointment or suggesting a reliable tradesperson, it's almost certain someone will be able to assist.

Constructive feedback on this document is welcome; inevitably there will be errors, omissions, changes or broken internet links. All information is provided in good faith and is accurate to the best of our knowledge, but liability cannot be accepted for any inconvenience, loss or damage arising from its use!

All land-line phone numbers have the area code 01439 (Helmsley) unless otherwise stated.

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On behalf of The Oswaldkirk Parish Meeting

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## Emergency Contacts

Ambulance/Police/Fire

☎ 999 or 112

Police – Non-urgent

☎ 101

Out-of-hours medical help

☎ 111

Electricity emergencies (Northern Powergrid)

☎ 0800 668 877

Water emergencies (Yorkshire Water)

☎ 0345 1 24 24 24

## Village Website

The Village Website address is: <https://oswaldkirk.net/>

The webmaster is Stuart Charman. Email: [admin@oswaldkirk.net](mailto:admin@oswaldkirk.net)

Please have a look and support the webmaster, offer help and contribute information. In time it will make this booklet redundant!

## Village Location

|                             |                   |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| Civil Parish:               | Oswaldkirk        |
| District Ward:              | Sinnington        |
| District Council:           | Ryedale           |
| County Council:             | North Yorkshire   |
| Parliamentary Constituency: | Thirsk and Malton |

## The Village Community (see village website for details)

### Oswaldkirk Parish Meeting

- Chair: John Wilkinson  
☎ 788 936. Email: [johnwilk153@outlook.com](mailto:johnwilk153@outlook.com)
- Secretary/Clerk: Samantha Kettlewell  
☎ 788 736. Email: [kettlewell.samantha@gmail.com](mailto:kettlewell.samantha@gmail.com)
- Treasurer: Mike Aherne  
☎ 787 022. Email: [mike.aherne@btconnect.com](mailto:mike.aherne@btconnect.com)



Oswaldkirk has a **Parish Meeting** (not council) by choice as our population is small.

Parish Meetings, to which all residents are invited, are often prompted by planning applications, but may be called on a more or less regular basis in order to discuss issues or present information which affects residents. The Parish Meeting is a very basic form of democracy in action. The officers are elected annually and simply act on decisions made by residents at the Meeting. No one has the power to make individual decisions and there are no 'closed doors'.

Agendas and minutes of meetings are posted on the village noticeboard and website.

## Village Grapevine

An informal email messaging service is co-ordinated by Del Jenkins. If you have news, information, offers or requests that you would like disseminated to the village community contact her with details (☎ 787 148 or dela.jenkins@yahoo.com).

## Village Noticeboard

The main village noticeboard was renovated in 2012 and is attached to the wall of Manor Farm, Main Street near to the post box. The right- and left-hand sections are for official Government and Parish Meeting notices and minutes of meetings. The central section is for public use.



It's a good idea to check the noticeboard regularly as there is always some new information posted there, some of which you may find useful.

There are also noticeboards inside and outside the Village Hall, which give details of social events within the village and in the surrounding area.

## Village Hall

- Chair: Roger Dexter-Smith.  
☎ 788 932.  
Email: rdextersmith@btinternet.com
- Secretary: Rosie Wilkinson.  
☎ 788 936.  
Email: rosiewilkinson@msn.com
- Treasurer: Veronica Dunne.  
☎ 787 111.  
Email: veronicafish@hotmail.com
- Bookings Secretary: Lisa Halmshaw.  
☎ 788 913. Email: lhalmshaw@hotmail.com



The Village Hall has recently been extended and renovated and is light, airy and well heated. It can accommodate up to 100 people comfortably and has a well equipped kitchen, toilets (including one that's wheelchair-accessible) and internal store. Equipment available for musical events includes a piano and amplifier with speakers. A temporary stage can also be erected. It's available for hire at £8 per hour, a charge which is reviewed on an annual basis. For a modest fee, you can also hire chairs, tables, glasses, crockery and cutlery.

The Village Hall Committee takes care of the fabric and finances of this valuable and well-used community resource. Lisa Halmshaw looks after the bookings. Contact her if

you would like to book the hall for private or community reasons (☎ 788 913 or email [lhalmshaw@hotmail.com](mailto:lhalmshaw@hotmail.com)).

The Oz Café, the Pop-Up Pub and numerous social, physical and cultural groups and classes use the hall. Activities include keep fit, Pilates, yoga, dancing, indoor bowls, art, craft and bee-keeping classes, children's activities (Oz Bodz), and others. Residents may wish to join in any number of these. See the village website and the village and village hall noticeboards for details.

**Lending Library:** There is a modest lending library located in the village hall. Donated books, videos and DVDs are on display and may be borrowed for a small contribution. Please pass on any good quality items that you think may be of interest.

## Village Playground

The village playground is located on the west side of the B1363 road to Gilling. A range of much valued apparatus is available. The Village Hall Trustees are responsible for its management but help with maintenance and fund-raising is always welcome.

## Street Furniture

- **Post Box**

The Oswaldkirk post box is on Main Street, mounted in the wall between The Malt Shovel and Manor Farm.

Collection times:

|            |               |
|------------|---------------|
| Mon – Fri: | 17:15         |
| Sat:       | 09:00         |
| Sun & BH:  | No collection |



- **Phone Box**

The K6 telephone box in the centre of the village was placed there in 1936. Designed by Sir Giles Gilbert Scott it was one of the first outside of London. It is no longer functioning but was restored to an impressive standard by villagers in 2013.

- **Wooden Bench**

The wooden bench at the top of Manor View, adjacent to Chestnut Bank, marks the renovation of this area, with construction of a new path, by local volunteers in 2003.

## Neighbourhood Watch

Eric Dunstone is the contact for the local Neighbourhood Watch Scheme. He can be contacted on ☎ 788 437.



Sean Simpson is our Police Community Support Officer (PCSO). Contact via ☎ 101 or email: [Sean.Simpson@northyorkshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Sean.Simpson@northyorkshire.pnn.police.uk)

## Community First Responders

The Community First Responder (CFR) scheme is a life-saving partnership between Yorkshire Ambulance Service NHS Trust (YAS) and local communities.

As authorised volunteers for YAS, Community First Responders form teams as part of a wider initiative to help reduce the number of pre-hospital deaths in Yorkshire. Historically Oswaldkirk has always had several volunteers who are trained to provide life-saving treatment to neighbours in the vital first minutes of an emergency until an ambulance arrives. Full training and equipment is provided and volunteers are only placed on the rota at times that they nominate. They can do as much or as little as they are able. They are alerted via the usual 999 response system and do not offer a first-aid or other service. New members are always welcome.

For details visit the YAS website: <https://www.yas.nhs.uk/get-involved/community-first-responders/>

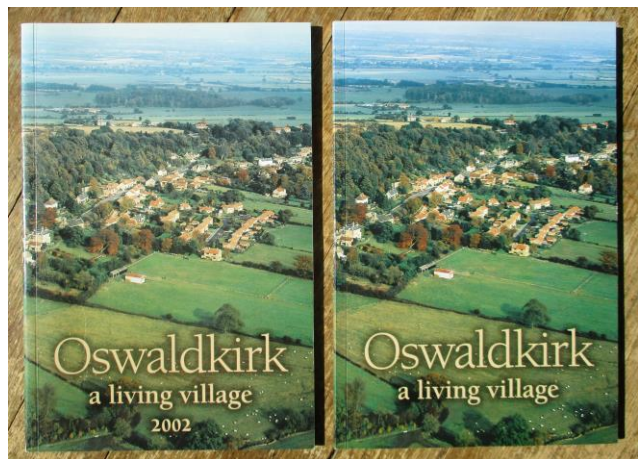
## Oz Oil

Oswaldkirk and District Oil Syndicate (Oz Oil) was set up in 2009 for the benefit of the villagers of Oswaldkirk. Our aim is to buy heating oil in bulk so as to get a better price for our members. Contact Sue Wade for details (☎ 787 014).

## Oswaldkirk – a living village

Oswaldkirk's very own history book was published to worthy fanfare in 2002 and updated in 2011 (copies are available for £5 each).

A copy of the original version, if you don't already have one, is available to peruse in the Parish Archive, along with early photographs and many other items of historical interest. It is currently located at Ledbrooke House. If you wish to consult the archive to learn more about the village and its history contact David Goodman (☎ 788 401).



## Churches/Places of Worship

### Churches Together in Oswaldkirk

The Parish Church of St Oswald serves the Anglican community and the Church of St Aidan serves the Roman Catholic community. However, there is a strong spirit of worship, activity and friendship, which is manifest in joint services and activities throughout the year.



## The Parish Church of St Oswald King and Martyr

Website: <http://ampleforthbenefice.co.uk/st-oswald-oswaldkirk>

- Vicar: The Revd Dr Catherine Reid, Ampleforth Vicarage.  
☎ 788 867. Email: [crcatherinereid@gmail.com](mailto:crcatherinereid@gmail.com)
- Churchwardens: Jane Dexter-Smith. ☎ 788 932.  
Wendy Skilbeck. ☎ 788 501.

- Services (see the Church noticeboard in the entrance porch or the village website for up to date information):
  - Sunday Eucharist or Morning Prayer is usually held at 09:30.
  - Wednesday Morning Prayer is held at 09:15.



- The Wednesday Teatime Club:  
This group is organised by Helen Goodman and meets on Wednesday afternoons at 16:30 in Church. Aimed at the younger children of the village, a range of activities is undertaken in a Christian environment. For details contact Helen (☎ 788 401).
- The 100 Club:  
The 100 Club is a lottery run by St Oswald's Church that raises money for mission and ministry. Membership costs £48 a year, and there is a draw every month. Half of the membership fee is paid out in prizes and other half goes to the church. There are currently two prizes every month. If you would like to find out more please contact one of the churchwardens.

The church is normally open between 09:00 and 17:00. If you would like to visit the church when it's locked there is a list of key-holders, with contact details, in the porch.

A variety of villagers, churchgoers and otherwise, assist in the weekly flower rota, with the unlocking and locking of the church, and mowing the churchyard. Contact the churchwardens if you can help.

## St Aidan's Catholic Church

Website: <https://middlesbrough-diocese.org.uk/parishes/st-aidan-oswaldkirk/>

- Served from Ampleforth Abbey.
- Parish Priest: Father Edgar Miller.  
☎ 766 435 or 766 714
- Mass times
  - Sundays at 09:00.
  - Holy days at 12:00.
  - Weekdays as announced (usually Wednesdays at 12:00).



## Ryedale Methodist Circuit

Website: <https://www.ryedalemethodist.org.uk/helmsley.html>

Oswaldkirk is covered by the Ryedale Methodist Circuit. The nearest Methodist church is in Helmsley.

- Helmsley Methodist Church, Ashdale Road, Helmsley, YORK, YO62 5DD.
- Minister: Rev'd Ken Gowland, The Manse: ☎ 770 300. Email: [gowlo@gmail.com](mailto:gowlo@gmail.com)
- Sunday services are at 10:30 and 18:30.

## Society of Friends (Quakers)

Website: <http://www.kirkbymoorsidequakers.org.uk/>

Our local Quaker Meeting is at The Kirkbymoorside Quaker Meeting House, 79 West End, Kirkbymoorside, YORK, YO62 6AD.

Sunday meetings are at 10:30.

## Refuse Collection and Recycling

Ryedale District Council rubbish and recycling website:  
<https://www.ryedale.gov.uk/environment/rubbish-recycling.html>

The Oswaldkirk kerbside collection is on Tuesdays – alternate weeks general waste and recycling. By 'kerbside' the council means that it's your responsibility to ensure that your bins are put out (although persons with special mobility needs can apply for an assisted waste collection, see: <https://www.ryedale.gov.uk/apply-for-an-assisted-waste-collection.html>).

When a week is started by a bank holiday the collection generally takes place a day later on a Wednesday.

For information on what goes in which type of bin or box see: <https://www.ryedale.gov.uk/environment/rubbish-recycling/waste-and-recycling-containers.html>.

Essentially: the black/green wheelie bin is for non-recyclable household refuse. The two black/green plastic boxes are for glass (bottles and jars) and separately for cans, tins, aerosols and plastic bottles. The blue bags are for paper, newspaper, magazines, card and cardboard.



Brown wheelie bins for compostable garden waste are also collected on the alternate 'recycling' week, but this is an additional service for which one must buy an annual Garden Waste Licence. A subscription for 2020/21 costs £38.

There is a small recycling facility in the Cleveland Way Car Park in Helmsley which takes the same items as the kerbside service but additionally cartons, aluminium foil and clothes/shoes.

For the widest range of household and gardening waste and recycling options visit:

- Wombledon Household Waste and Recycling Centre, Cockerhill Lane, Wombledon, YORK, YO62 7RJ
- <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/wombledon-household-waste-recycling-centre>

Jan - Mar 08:30 – 16:00

Apr - Sep 08:30 – 17:00

Oct - Dec 08:30 – 16:00

Closed Wednesdays, plus 25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup> Dec & 1<sup>st</sup> January

## Local Shops and Services

### Public Houses: The Malt Shovel Inn

The village pub is situated on Main Street. However, it is presently closed. The brewery, Samuel Smith's of Tadcaster, has plans to re-open it at some stage.

The nearest active pubs are The Fairfax Arms in Gilling and The White Swan and The White Horse in Ampleforth.



### Village Shop

Oswaldkirk no longer has a shop or Post Office. The nearest Village Shop (it also serves as a Post Office) is in Ampleforth, 2.5 miles (4.0 km) west of the village.

#### Ampleforth Village Stores

Spring Villa

West End

Ampleforth

YORK

YO62 4DX

☎: 788 309

Website: <http://www.ampleforthstore.co.uk/>

Mon – Fri: 07:00 - 08:00 and 08:30 - 13:00 and 14:00 - 20:00

Sat: 08:30 - 13:00 and 14:00 - 20:00

Sun: 09:00 - 13:00 and 14:00 - 17:00

Post Office hours: 09:00 - 13:00 and 14:00 - 17:30

Except Wed & Sat: 09:00 - 12:30 only



The Post Office within Costcutter, Bridge Street, Helmsley, has longer opening hours and a wider range of services.

## **Milk and Newspapers**

Christina Dunn delivers milk, yoghurt, cream, fruit juice, newspapers and magazines every day except Sundays. Contact her on ☎ 07598 881 228 or 01653 628 336 to include your house on her daily round.

## **Helmsley: Shops, Market and Amenities**

Helmsley is our nearest market town and lies 4 miles (6.4 km) north of the village. It has a much greater range of amenities, including Co-op and Costcutter mini-supermarkets, banks, ATMs, a department store, cafés, pubs, take-aways, restaurants, hotels, newsagents, hairdressers, library, and so forth, and a wide variety of specialist retailers. Market day is Friday.

More information about Helmsley is available at <https://www.visithelmsley.co.uk/>

## **Garages**

The nearest fuel stations are BATA in Helmsley, GRB in Coxwold and Jet in Kirkbymoorside. BATA in Helmsley also sells bottled gas and LPG for cars. Car servicing and repairs are available at Ampleforth, Coxwold, Helmsley, and Kirkbymoorside.

## **Library Service**

Helmsley Community Library, Town Hall, Helmsley, YORK, YO62 5BL

☎: 01609 534 553

Website: <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/helmsley-community-library>

Sun & Mon: Closed

Tue & Wed: 10:00 – 13:00

Thu & Fri: 10:00 – 16:00

Sat: 10:00 – 13:00

The Home Library Service provides free home delivery of books, audio-books, CDs, DVDs and information, to eligible people. See: <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/home-library-service> or ☎ 01609 533 800 for details.

## **Transport**

### **Buses**



The only bus service that serves Oswaldkirk is the rather infrequent (and not on Sundays or Bank Holidays) Reliance Buses, 31X: Kirkbymoorside – Helmsley – Easingwold – York route.

A timetable is attached to the village hall signpost, so you can check timings and frequency of buses. This is also the bus stop for York-bound buses. Helmsley-bound buses tend to stop by St Aidan Church car park. The timetable is also available online at <https://reliancebuses.co.uk/service-31x/>

Connections to places further afield can be made in Helmsley, Kirkbymoorside, Easingwold and York.

## **Taxis**

There are several taxi services based in Helmsley. Uber doesn't cover this area.

## **Ryedale Community Transport**

Ryedale Community Transport (RCT) is a registered charity and limited company established in 2005 to provide affordable, rural transport solutions for people who are disadvantaged because of physical or mental disability, geographically isolated or through deprivation and poverty.

These objectives are achieved through the operation of the following services:

- Volunteer car scheme.
- Group and wheelchair-accessible vehicle service.
- A 'Wheels to Work' moped loan scheme.

These services are provided by appropriately qualified and vetted volunteers but there is a charge depending on usage and mileage. Contact them for details and in order to book a service.

☎: 01653 699 059 (Office hours: 09:00-16:00, Monday - Friday).

Website: <https://ryedalect.org/>

## **Parking on The Terrace**

The Terrace is narrow and it can be a problem for people to park without obstructing access. To help alleviate this issue spaces in a privately owned parking area are available to rent adjacent to the old cricket ground at the eastern end of the village.

- Contact Richard Morris on ☎ 0745 436 4015 or [shac202@yahoo.com](mailto:shac202@yahoo.com) if you would like to book a space.
- A weekly charge applies for all users, renewable annually by agreement.
- Parking is only provided for residents paying to do so and is subject to availability.
- Residents who pay the charge will be allocated a parking space (currently numbered).

It is hoped that, for the benefit of all, residents will respect this system and abide by the rules outlined above.

## Medical and Dental Information



### General Practice

Our two nearest general practices are based in Ampleforth (with a branch surgery in Hovingham) and in Helmsley. See their websites for personnel and details of services.

- **Ampleforth and Hovingham Surgeries** (served by the same doctors)

Ampleforth Surgery  
Back Lane  
Ampleforth  
YORK  
YO62 4EF

Hovingham Surgery  
High Street  
Hovingham  
YORK  
YO62 4LA

☎ Switchboard:

788 215

Out-of-hours emergencies:

111 or <https://111.nhs.uk/>

Website:

<https://www.ampleforth-surgery.co.uk/>

- **Helmsley Medical Centre**

The Medical Centre  
Carlton Road  
Helmsley  
YORK  
YO62 5HD

☎: 770 288

Website: <https://www.helmsleymedicalcentre.co.uk/>

There is a dispensing pharmacy next to this surgery which is available to all.

### Hospitals

- **Malton Community Hospital** is an inpatient and outpatient unit providing hospital care to patients over the age of 18. The hospital provides inpatient rehabilitation, palliative care and outpatients services to the local Ryedale community in association with local GPs.

The hospital also has an Urgent Care Centre (UCC) which is open to walk-ins from 09:00 to 20:00. Between 20:00 and 09:00 you must call NHS 111 to make an appointment.

Malton Community Hospital  
Middlecave Road  
MALTON  
YO17 7NG

☎ Switchboard: 01653 693 041

<https://www.yorkhospitals.nhs.uk/our-hospitals/malton-community-hospital/>

- **The York Hospital** is the area's largest hospital. It has over 700 beds and offers a range of adult and children's inpatient and outpatient services. It has an Emergency Department (A&E) and provides acute medical and surgical services, including trauma, intensive care and cardiothoracic services to the population and visitors to York and North Yorkshire.

The York Hospital  
Wigginton Road  
YORK  
YO31 8HE

☎ Switchboard: 01904 631 313

<https://www.yorkhospitals.nhs.uk/our-hospitals/york-hospital/>

## Dentists

The nearest dental practice is The Bondgate Dental Practice, 46 Bondgate, Helmsley, YORK, YO62 5EZ (☎ 770 493). This is an NHS practice, however it is currently not taking new patients and there is no waiting list!

For help in finding an NHS dentist visit:

<https://www.nhs.uk/using-the-nhs/nhs-services/dentists/how-to-find-an-nhs-dentist/>

## Education

For the full list of state schools in North Yorkshire with contact details see: <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/find-your-local-school>

For information on all schools and colleges with performance data see:

<https://www.compare-school-performance.service.gov.uk/schools-by-type?step=phase&region=815&geographic=la&phase=secondary&for=primary&page=3>



## Pre-School

A range of options with child-minders, playgroups, nursery and pre-school groups exist locally in Ampleforth, Helmsley, Hovingham, Kirkbymoorside and elsewhere. Various online listings can be found but unfortunately none are comprehensive; word-of-mouth is usually more useful.

## Primary Schools in YO62

- **St Hilda's Ampleforth CE VC Primary School**, Station Road, Ampleforth, YORK, YO62 4DG.

☎ 788 357. Website: <https://www.st-hildascofe.n-yorks.sch.uk/home/>

- **St Benedict's Catholic Primary School**, Back Lane, Ampleforth, YORK, YO62 4DE.  
☎ 788 340. Website: <http://st-benedicts.n-yorks.sch.uk/>
- **Helmsley Community Primary School**, Carlton Lane, Helmsley, YORK, YO62 5HB.  
☎ 770 783. Website: <https://www.helmsley.n-yorks.sch.uk/>

## Secondary Schools in YO62

- **Ryedale School**, Gale Lane, Nawton, YORK, YO62 7SL.  
☎ 771 665. Website: <https://www.rydedaleschool.org>
- **Ampleforth College**, Ampleforth, YORK, YO62 4ER.  
☎ 766 000. Website: <https://www.ampleforth.org.uk/college/>

## Sixth Form

- **Malton School**, Middlecave Road, MALTON, North Yorkshire, YO17 7NH.  
☎ 01653 692 828. Website: <https://www.maltonschool.org>
- **Lady Lumley's School**, Swainsea Lane, PICKERING, North Yorkshire YO18 8NG.  
☎ 01751 472846. Website: <http://www.ladylumleys.n-yorks.sch.uk/>
- **York College**, Sim Balk Lane, YORK, YO23 2BB.  
☎ 01904 770 100. Website: <https://www.yorkcollege.ac.uk/>
- **Ampleforth College**, Ampleforth, YORK, YO62 4ER.  
☎ 766 000. Website: <https://www.ampleforth.org.uk/college/>

## Leisure and Social

### The Millennium Trail, Ebor Way and Other Footpaths



The Millennium Trail is a 1.4 mile (2.3 km) circular footpath around Oswaldkirk. It takes in the major historical sites or points of interest in the village and provides many a good view and contact with local fauna and flora on the way. A mosaic pictorial



overview and 2 mosaic waymarkers decorate the route. A leaflet with a map, directions and historical information, can be obtained from the Village Hall.

The Ebor Way, a 70 mile (112 km) long distance footpath from Helmsley to Ilkley via York, passes through the parish ([https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ebor\\_Way](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ebor_Way)). Two other long distance footpaths, The Cleveland Way and The Tabular Hills Walk, also start in Helmsley.

These are merely some of the many public footpaths and bridleways that surround the village and make it such a great location for walking and cycling. For information on local public rights of way see either Ordnance Survey maps of the area or the excellent NYCC online maps: <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/rights-way-maps>.

## **Village Walking Group**

This group meets monthly on a Sunday. Walks are organised in turn by members of the group and are normally between 5 and 7 miles in length. Each walk is followed by Sunday lunch in a local pub. Non-walkers are welcome to join the group for lunch. The popularity of these walks has been such that walkers are limited to village residents and family or friends who are staying in the village.

Dates and details are usually posted on the village noticeboard and village website (<https://oswaldkirk.net/clubs/oswaldkirk-village-walking-group/>). The co-ordinator is currently Shirley Halliwell. Contact her for further information: [shirleyhalliwell222@btinternet.com](mailto:shirleyhalliwell222@btinternet.com).

Gerard Simpson (☎ 788 381) also organises a monthly walking group, as does Pat Thompson (☎ 787 168) but on a Thursday.

## **The St Alban's Sports Centre**

Situated at Ampleforth College 1.4 miles (2.3 km) west of the village, the St Alban's Sports Centre is open to the public at various times for the use of the recreational facilities; including the 25 metre swimming pool, squash courts, sports hall and gym. Various membership packages are available, although membership is not essential for a visit (but it is more expensive on a pay-as-you-go basis). For details of opening times and memberships see website [www.ampleforth.org.uk/sports](http://www.ampleforth.org.uk/sports) or ☎ 766 740.

## **Ampleforth College Golf Club, Gilling**



This is a picturesque and challenging 9-hole course which is often very quiet. There is a clubhouse with toilets and changing rooms, all the information needed and an honesty box. A number of village residents are members.

There are various membership rates and green fees. Full adult annual membership for 2020/21 is £335. The Club Manager is Ian Henley (☎ 788 274). Visit [www.ampleforthgolf.co.uk](http://www.ampleforthgolf.co.uk) for further details.

## Helmsley Recreation Ground

Helmsley Sports and Social Club lies just north of the town centre at the Helmsley Recreation Ground, Baxton's Sprunt, Helmsley, YORK, YO62 5HT, ☎ 408 010.

It's home to the Helmsley Open Air Swimming Pool (Yorkshire's only open air heated 25 metre pool – open seasonally), Duncombe Park Cricket Club, Duncombe Park Football Club, Helmsley Tennis Club, Helmsley Bowls Club, Helmsley Social Club and Fran's Kitchen.

Details of each of these groups can be found via links on the website: <http://www.helmsleysports.org/index.htm>

## Fly Fishing

Fly fishing on both lakes and rivers is available locally and throughout Ryedale.

Villagers have been active members of a fly fishing syndicate which fishes for trout in the Spring Lakes near Rievaulx. Anyone interested in joining should contact the Spring Lakes Fly Fishers Secretary, John Borrett, email: [borretts.at.the.old.house@gmail.com](mailto:borretts.at.the.old.house@gmail.com)

Fishing on the Rye in our immediate vicinity is through the Ryedale Anglers' Club (<https://www.ryedaleanglers.org.uk/>) and the Ness Flyfishing Club (<https://www.nessflyfishers.org/>).

## Ampleforth and District Gardening Cub

Our neighbouring village hosts a gardening club which meets on the first Wednesday of every month in Ampleforth Village Hall, except for outings and special events. It's been going strong for over 30 years and aims to provide talks and demonstrations on all aspects of gardening for both experienced gardeners and beginners. Everyone is welcome to join and for the small sum of £5 per annum enjoy discounts at several local garden centres and nurseries.

For details contact David Badham (☎ 787 046), or visit: <https://ampleforth.ryedaleconnect.org.uk/gardening-club/>

## Oswaldkirk Book Group

Oswaldkirk Book Group meets every other month in members' houses to discuss a previously chosen book. It is co-ordinated by Gaynor Badham (☎ 787 046 or [gaynorbadham@hotmail.com](mailto:gaynorbadham@hotmail.com)) but a different member selects the book, does background research and leads the discussion each time.

## OWLs

OWLs are a welcoming group of Oswaldkirk women who meet on the third Monday of every month at 19:30 to discuss a different



stimulating topic. Motto: '*In nocte consilium*', i.e. 'enjoy a chat and a drink and return home having learned something we didn't know before'. For more details or if you are interested in joining please contact Rhona Sutherland (☎ 788 140) or Sue Aherne (☎ 787 022).

## Ryedale Miniature Railway

The Ryedale Society of Model Engineers Limited (RSMEL) is a group of like-minded model railway engineers with headquarters, clubhouse and miniature railway behind the village hall in Gilling. They welcome new members and also hold public open days with visitor rides throughout the year (principally on Sundays).

It's a great facility. See their website for details: <https://www.rsme.org.uk/>

## Conservation, the Environment and Local Government

Roughly speaking, those parts of the village north of Main Street and Oswaldkirk Bank are situated in the **North York Moors National Park** and those parts which are south of Main Street and Oswaldkirk Bank are in the **Howardian Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB)**. So Oswaldkirk is divided down the centre. Most of the village is also situated within a **Conservation Area**, which may have implications with regards to planning issues.

To add to the complexity, local government responsibilities are split in a two-tier arrangement between Ryedale District Council and North Yorkshire County Council.

District councils are responsible for local planning (unless within a National Park in which case this authority takes precedence) and building control, local roads, council housing, environmental health, markets and fairs, refuse collection and recycling, cemeteries and crematoria, leisure services, parks, and tourism.

County councils are responsible for running the largest and most expensive local services such as education, social services, libraries, main roads, public transport, fire services, Trading Standards, waste disposal and strategic planning.

A (revised) Village Plan was drawn up in 2014 to collate opinions, highlight areas in need of improvement and inform local authorities of issues relating to the village. It is available at: <https://oswaldkirk.net/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/shortplan.pdf>

## Oswaldkirk Conservation Area

Conservation Areas are defined in the Planning (Listed Building and Conservation Areas) Act, 1990 as 'areas of special architectural or historic interest, the character or appearance of which it is desirable to preserve or enhance'. These areas are considered to have the most important environmental quality in the District.

As most of the village is situated in a designated Conservation Area, it is important for residents to be aware of restrictions in planning and development. For example

planning permission may be required for certain types of development which are elsewhere classified as permitted development. Conservation Area status helps to protect attractive features such as buildings, trees and open spaces. These additional controls are designed to preserve or enhance the character of the area and the quality of design and are particularly aimed at preventing 'creeping development', for example, the replacement of cast iron guttering with plastic. However, grants may be available to mitigate the cost of traditional materials.

Much interesting information concerning the conservation area and the history and architecture of Oswaldkirk can be found in the 'Conservation Area and Management Plan 2011 for Oswaldkirk'. This document may be found at: <https://www.northyorkmoors.org.uk/fr/planning/building-conservation/conservation-areas/conservation-area-appraisal-and-management-plans/Oswaldkirk-Conservation-Area-Appraisal-Final.pdf>

Of note there are controls within the Conservation Area and the National Park with regards to the felling and even pruning of trees (in addition to those with Tree Preservation Orders). It is worth checking with the National Park or Ryedale District Council before any work of this nature is undertaken.

For more information, and to check the Conservation Area boundaries, phone the Building Conservation Officer at Ryedale District Council (☎ 01653 600 666) or visit the website: [www.ryedale.gov.uk](http://www.ryedale.gov.uk), click on '**Planning**' at the top of the page, then '**Conservation**', then '**Conservation areas**'.

## **North York Moors National Park**

North York Moors National Park Authority  
The Old Vicarage  
Bondgate  
Helmsley  
YORK  
YO62 5BP



☎: 772 700  
Website: <https://www.northyorkmoors.org.uk/>  
Email: [general@northyorkmoors.org.uk](mailto:general@northyorkmoors.org.uk)

## **Howardian Hills AONB**

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The Old Vicarage  
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Helmsley  
YORK  
YO62 5BP



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Website: [www.howardianhills.org.uk](http://www.howardianhills.org.uk)  
Email: [info@howardianhills.org.uk](mailto:info@howardianhills.org.uk)

## **Ryedale District Council**

Ryedale District Council  
Ryedale House  
Old Malton Road  
MALTON  
YO17 7HH



For emergencies out of hours,  
☎: (01653) 697 737

☎ Switchboard: 01653 600 666  
Website: <https://www.ryedale.gov.uk/>  
Email: [info@ryedale.gov.uk](mailto:info@ryedale.gov.uk)

Emergency situations contact details:  
<https://www.ryedale.gov.uk/living-here/community-living/emergencies/current-emergency-situations-weather.html>

## **North Yorkshire County Council**

County Hall  
NORTHALLERTON  
North Yorkshire  
DL7 8AD



☎ Switchboard: 01609 780 780  
Website: <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/>

## **Malton Registration Office (Births, Marriages and Deaths)**

Ryedale House  
Old Malton Road  
MALTON  
North Yorkshire  
YO17 7HH

Open by appointment only:  
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday: 09:00 – 13:00 and 14:00 – 16:00.  
Wednesday: 09:00 – 13:00.

☎: 01609 780 780  
Website: <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/malton-registration-office>  
Email: [registrars.malton@northyorks.gov.uk](mailto:registrars.malton@northyorks.gov.uk)



## Other Sources of Information

### Village Wikipedia Page

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Oswaldkirk>

### Tourist Information

Ryedale has a number of Visitor Information Points that provide free town maps, attractions leaflets and free Wi-Fi. These are at:

- Ryedale District Council, Ryedale House, Old Malton Road, MALTON, YO17 7HH. Open Monday to Friday 09:00 - 16:00.
- Helmsley Community Library, Town Hall, Market Place, Helmsley, YORK, YO62 5BL. Open Tuesday 10:00 - 13:00, Wednesday 10:00 - 13:00, Thursday 10:00 - 16:00, Friday 10:00 - 16:00, and Saturday 10:00 - 16:00.
- Trailblazer Outdoors, 17 Market Place, PICKERING, YO18 7AE. Open Monday to Saturday 09:30 - 17:30.

See also:

- <https://www.visithelmsley.co.uk/>
- <https://www.ryedale.gov.uk/living-here/things-to-do/tourism-travel.html>
- <https://www.yorkshire.com/>
- <https://www.english-heritage.org.uk/visit/region/yorkshire/>
- <https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/days-out/regionyorkshirenortheast/yorkshire>

### Local Newspapers

Our local newspapers are:

- The Gazette and Herald, based in Malton.  
<https://www.gazetteherald.co.uk/>
- The Malton and Pickering Mercury; a local edition of The Scarborough News.  
<http://www.maltonmercury.co.uk/>
- The Yorkshire Post. 'Yorkshire's National Newspaper', based in Leeds.  
<https://www.yorkshirepost.co.uk/>

In addition to being sources of local information, they can be useful contacts for publicising local group, organisation or club regular meetings or events, for birth, marriage or death announcements, or if you're planning an event or fundraiser that you would like to be advertised. They are also happy to report on anything newsworthy or of interest which has happened, or is being planned in Oswaldkirk.

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