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Oswaldkirk Village General Information 'Os-Gen 2024'



St Oswald's/Northumbria flag

Introduction

Greetings! Whether you're an established Oswaldkirkian or a new arrival we hope that this publication will provide information of benefit or importance as you go about your business in this corner of 'God's Own County'.

'Os-Gen' was 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 has expanded enormously but is still 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 is welcome; inevitably there will be errors, omissions, changes or broken internet links. We aim to update this document every few years. 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 landline phone numbers have the area code 01439 (Helmsley) unless otherwise stated. In any case with BT's landline digital switchover in 2025 one will soon have to use the area code for all calls, local or otherwise.

Jill and Peter Stone, ☎ 788 809
On behalf of The Oswaldkirk Parish Meeting

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Emergency Contacts

Ambulance/Police/Fire

☎ 999 or 112

Police – Non-emergency contact

☎ 101

Out-of-hours medical advice

☎ 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

Please have a look at the website and support the webmaster, offer help and contribute information. The expectation is that the website will eventually make this booklet redundant.

Village Wikipedia Page

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

Village Governance

Civil Parish:

Oswaldkirk

County Division:

Helmsley and Sinnington

County Council:

North Yorkshire

Parliamentary Constituency:

Thirsk and Malton

The Village Community (see village website for more details)

Oswaldkirk Parish Meeting

- Chair: David Nelson
☎ 788 735. Email: pm@oswaldkirk.net
- Secretary: Vacant
Email: pm@oswaldkirk.net
- Treasurer: Mike Aherne
☎ 787 022. Email: pm@oswaldkirk.net



Under the Local Government Act 1972 Oswaldkirk has a **Parish Meeting** (not council) by choice as our population is small. The Parish Meeting is a very basic form of democracy with limited influence or money but it provides a forum in which all residents can be involved and has achieved much more than might be expected over the years.

Parish Meetings, to which all are invited, are often prompted by planning applications, but may be called on a more or less regular basis in order to fix an annual budget, discuss serious parish issues, or to present information which affects residents. 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

Grapevine is a village email messaging service co-ordinated by Del Jenkins. If you would like to be added to the distribution list and kept updated by email on issues relevant to local residents, or have news, information, offers or requests that you would like disseminated in the village community then contact her with your details (☎ 787 148 or dela.jenkins@yahoo.com).

Village Noticeboard

The main **village noticeboard** was renovated in 2020 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 **Village Hall noticeboards** inside and outside the hall, which give details of social events within the village and in the surrounding area.

Village Hall

Oswaldkirk Village Hall Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)

- Chair: Mike Aherne.
☎ 787 022. Email: mike.aherne@aol.com
- Acting Secretary: Lisa Halmshaw
☎ 788 913.
Email: lthalmshaw@hotmail.com
- Treasurer: Veronica Dunne.
☎ 787 111.
Email: veronicafish@hotmail.com
- Bookings Secretary: Lisa Halmshaw.
☎ 788 913.



The **Village Hall** is set back from Main Street towards the East end of the village and is a community hub at the heart of village life. The Village Hall Trustees take care of the fabric and finances of this valuable and well-used community resource. This modern facility was built in 1988 (despite the relocated historic stone from the previous village hall: "AD 1911") and has recently been extended and renovated. It is light, airy and warmly 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. It has a Premises Licence, which with the permission of the Trustees covers the sale of alcohol. Equipment available for musical events includes a piano and amplifier with speakers. There is also a projector (with computer/AV input sockets) and a temporary stage can be erected.

The hall is available for hire at £10 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. Lisa looks after the bookings – **please make provisional bookings through the online form on the Events page of the Village Website** or enquire by phone ☎ 788 913.

Saturday Coffee Mornings, cinema nights, the Pop-Up Pub and numerous social, physical and cultural groups and classes use the hall. Activities vary over time but include, or have included, keep fit, Pilates, yoga, line and Scottish dancing, indoor bowls, art, craft and bee-keeping classes, and multiple children's activities. 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 hall. Donated books, videos and DVDs are on display and may be borrowed for a small contribution. Please supplement with any good quality items that you think may be of interest.

Village Playground

The **village playground** is currently located on the west side of the B1363 road to Gilling. A range of play apparatus is available. There are plans to relocate the playground to a site adjacent to the Village Hall in the near future. The Village Hall Trustees are responsible for its management but any help with maintenance and fund-raising is always welcome.

Street Furniture/Equipment

- **Defibrillator**

A community public access defibrillator (CPAD)/automated external defibrillator (AED) is located at the gateway to the Village Hall. See below in '**Medical Emergencies**' for details.

- **Postbox**

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

Collection times:

| | |
|------------|---------------|
| Mon – Fri: | 09:00 |
| Sat: | 07:00 |
| Sun & BH: | No collection |

Later collections are made from the postbox in front of Ampleforth Village Stores:

Ampleforth collection times:

| | |
|------------|---------------|
| Mon – Fri: | 17:15 |
| Sat: | 11:00 |
| Sun & BH: | No collection |

- **Phone Box**

The K6 telephone box in the centre of the village was erected in 1936. Designed by Sir Giles Gilbert Scott it was one of the first outside of London. It no longer has a functioning telephone 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.

- **Litter Bins**

Litter bins are located on Main Street and in the village playground.

Medical Emergencies

In case of medical emergency it is **essential** to first activate the **Ambulance Service Emergency Response** by phoning **999** (or **112**). Mobile reception can be patchy in the village but fortunately emergency calls are routed through any available mobile network as needed, not just your normal provider.



The emergency call handler will ask for your location and in a dispersed village such as ours it can be helpful to also know and share your British National Grid Reference (paper maps, the Ordnance Survey 'Locate' app, and on-line tools can supply this) or to use the 'what3words' system (what3words.com) to guide the ambulance to the exact spot. Perhaps it's a good idea to write these location details on a piece of paper next to your phone.

Within the village urgent intervention may then be expedited by access to Community First Responders and a community public access defibrillator (both are secondarily via the 999 system).

- **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/volunteer-with-us/community-first-responders/>

- **Defibrillator (CPAD/AED)**

Sudden cardiac arrest is rare but can be treated by early access to the emergency services, cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and defibrillation. To this end a potentially life-saving device: a **community public access defibrillator (CPAD)**, also known as an **automated external defibrillator (AED)**, was purchased and installed at the entrance to the Village Hall car park in 2021. The cabinet is locked but the code is given to anyone who needs it via the **999** system. No specific training is required for its use – the machine talks you through the steps - but if you would like more information about the defibrillator or CPR in general see the Yorkshire Ambulance Service website: <https://restartaheart.yas.nhs.uk> or contact the Guardian, Peter Stone (☎ 788 809).



Neighbourhood Watch



Neighbourhood Watch is a grassroots charitable movement. It is the largest crime prevention voluntary movement in England and Wales and has upwards of 2.3 million members. Schemes are run by volunteers across England and Wales supported by volunteer Associations, and by Neighbourhood Watch Network, the national umbrella organisation for the movement.



For more details see the website: <https://www.ourwatch.org.uk/>

Oswaldkirk is covered by a number of volunteers, each representing a small number of homes. Our local chairman is Mark Clook – contact him for information or to get involved: ☎ 788 247. Email: mark.clook@btinternet.com.

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

Reporting Anti-Social Behaviour in the Village – Civil Enforcement

Criminal activity should be reported to North Yorkshire Police via ☎ 999 (emergencies) or ☎ 101 (minor and non-emergencies). However, a new role of Civil Enforcement Officer was created by the Council in 2020 to cover aspects of civil enforcement, including noise nuisance, vandalism and graffiti, harassment and neighbour disputes, litter and fly-tipping, abandoned vehicles, and dog fouling. The officers can give advice and issue fixed penalty notices where appropriate.

North Yorkshire Council contact details are: ☎ 0300 131 2131 (office hours) or use the online form on the “Contact us” page of their website <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk>

Litter Picking

We pride ourselves in keeping the village and wider parish environment as litter-free as possible. Rubbish bins are provided on Main Street and in the Village Playground. Additionally an annual **Great Oz Litter Pick** occurs each spring; details are announced via Grapevine and local notice boards. Get involved, all equipment is provided and our yearly haul is very impressive (or depressing)!

Snow Clearance

The **Oswaldkirk Snow Plan** was initiated in 2013 whereby an invaluable service is provided each winter by a voluntary group of able-bodied villagers whereby snow and ice is cleared from pavements to enable residents to walk as safely as possible from their homes to other parts of the village. The Parish agreed to pay for the pavement grit salt from the Ryedale Council Precept but shovels and effort are provided by the volunteers who each adopt a pavement pitch. The Council has confirmed that individual insurance cover is not required.

Most of the volunteers are retired folk along with a few who have flexible work arrangements. New volunteers are always needed; for further details and information on how to contribute contact David Badham, Oswaldkirk Snow Plan Coordinator (☎ 787 046 or davidbadham@hotmail.com).

Oz Oil

Oswaldkirk and District Oil Syndicate (Oz Oil) was set up by volunteer residents in 2009 for the benefit of the villagers of Oswaldkirk and surrounding localities. Our aim is to buy heating oil in bulk so as to get a better price for our members. It is extremely popular and there may be a waiting list to join. The Oswaldkirk Village website has details of how the system works, and if you are interested in enrolling please complete the online application form therein.

Churches/Places of Worship

The Parish Church of St Oswald King and Martyr

The parish is part of the Ampleforth Group, a joint benefice of Ampleforth, Oswaldkirk, Gilling East and Stonegrave.



- Website: <http://ampleforthbenefice.co.uk>
- Vicar: Rev. James Trowsdale.
- Contact Details: The Vicarage, West End, Ampleforth, YORK, YO62 4DU.
☎ 326 024. Email: revjamestrowsdale@gmail.com
- Churchwardens:
 - Jane Dexter-Smith. ☎ 788 932.
 - Wendy Skilbeck. ☎ 788 501.

- Services rotate between the 4 churches of the Benefice (see the Church noticeboard in the entrance porch, the above website, or the village website for up to date information):
 - Benefice Holy Communion or Morning Prayer is usually held on Sundays at 10:30.
 - Wednesday Morning Prayer, Evening Prayer and Benefice Compline are held at various times according to the Church Calendar.
- 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, Email: helen3goodman@outlook.com).
- The 100 Club:
The 100 Club is a lottery run by St Oswald's Church that raises money for maintenance, mission and ministry. Membership costs £4 a month/£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 of £37 and £25 respectively. If you would like to participate please contact one of the churchwardens.
- Gilling East and Stonegrave Parish Magazine:
This monthly magazine is principally aimed at the eastern half of our Benefice but contains much information, church-related and otherwise, that is of relevance to our parish. It costs £5 a year, delivered to your home. For details contact Helen Goodman (as above).

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 with the mowing of the churchyard. Please contact the churchwardens if you can help with any of these activities.

Roman Catholic Churches

St Aidan's Catholic Church in the village closed in 2020 and the building will likely be repurposed for other use. Alternative places of worship for Roman Catholic residents include:

Ampleforth Abbey

Ampleforth Abbey Church and Benedictine monastery lie 1.6 miles (2.5 km) west of the village. The abbey church is open 7 days a week, all year round; hosting several services a day as part of the Divine Office, the monastic community's daily schedule of prayer. Visitors are welcome to join in at prayer, attend Mass or visit between services. The adjacent Alban Roe House Visitor Centre contains the Visitor Experience, Tea Room and Abbey Shop.

- Website: <https://www.ampleforthabbey.org.uk>
- Service times: <https://www.ampleforthabbey.org.uk/worship/service-times>
- Contact details: Ampleforth Abbey, YORK, YO62 4EN.
☎ 766 099. Email: reception@ampleforthabbey.org.uk

Our Lady and Saint Benedict's Roman Catholic Church, Ampleforth

- Website: stbenedictchurch-ampleforth.org.uk

- Priest: Father Kentigern
- Contact details: St Benedict's House, East End, Ampleforth, YORK, YO62 4DA.
☎ 766 017. Email: kentigern@ampleforthabbey.org.uk

St Mary's at Helmsley

- Website: stchadkms.co.uk
- Priest: Father Christopher Gorst.
- Contact details: St Mary's Catholic Church, High Street, Helmsley, YORK, YO62 5AG.
☎ 766 053. Email: christopher@ampleforthabbey.org.uk

Ryedale Methodist Circuit

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

- Website: <https://www.ryedalemethodist.org.uk/helmsley/>
- Interim Priest: Rev Melanie Burnside.
- Contact details: Helmsley Methodist Chapel, Ashdale Road, Helmsley, YORK, YO62 5DD.
☎ 01653 692 173. Email: revmelburnside@gmail.com
- Sunday services are at 10:30.

Society of Friends (Quakers)

Our local Quaker Meeting is at The Kirkbymoorside Quaker Meeting House.

- Website: <http://www.kirkbymoorsidequakers.org.uk/>
- Contact details: Quaker Meeting House, 79 West End, Kirkbymoorside, YORK, YO62 6AD.
☎ 01751 431 054.
- Sunday meetings are at 10:30.

Refuse Collection and Recycling

The North Yorkshire Council rubbish and recycling website has full details of the domestic refuse and recycling service:

<https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/bins-recycling-and-waste>



The Oswaldkirk kerbside collection is on Tuesdays (except for Bank Top which is on Wednesdays) –weeks alternate between general waste and recycling. By 'kerbside' the council means that it's your responsibility to ensure that your bins are put out in the correct place at the correct time (although persons with special mobility needs can apply for an assisted waste collection, see:

<https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/bins-recycling-and-waste/get-help-putting-your-bin-out>).

When a week starts with a bank holiday the collection generally takes place a day later on a Wednesday (or Thursday).

For information on what goes in which type of bin or box see:

<https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/bins-recycling-and-waste/what-goes-your-bin>

Essentially: the black or green wheelie bin is for non-recyclable household refuse. The two black or 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 between March and early December. However, this is an additional service for which one must apply and buy an annual Garden Waste Licence. A subscription for 2024 costs £46.50. Strangely the day on which garden waste is collected is not affected by bank holidays.

There is a small recycling facility in the Cleveland Way Car Park in Helmsley which takes the same items as the kerbside recycling service but additionally collects 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.
- Website: <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/wombledon-household-waste-recycling-centre>

Opening hours:

Jan - Mar 08:30 – 16:00

Apr - Sep 08:30 – 17:00

Oct - Dec 08:30 – 16:00

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

Local Shops and Services

Public Houses: The Malt Shovel Inn

The village pub is situated on Main Street. However, it has been closed for some years. The brewery, Samuel Smith's of Tadcaster, says it 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, plus the intermittent "**Pop-Up Pub**" in the Village Hall.



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.

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.ampleforth.ryedaleconnect.org.uk/the-village-shop/>

Shop hours:

Mon – Fri: 07:30 - 18:30

Sat: 08:30 - 18:00

Sun: 09:00 - 17:00

Post Office hours:

Mon-Fri: 09:00 - 17:30

Sat-Sun: Closed

Helmsley: Shops, Market and Amenities

Helmsley is our nearest market town and lies 4 miles (6.4 km) north of the village.

Its modest size belies its surprisingly broad range of amenities. These include a gamut of food and drink retailers (both generalist and specialist) and a wide array of service providers; including a supermarket (Co-op), a building society (Nationwide), ATMs (Nationwide and Barclays), a department store (Browns), cafés, pubs, take-aways, restaurants, hotels, newsagents, hairdressers, a GP surgery, pharmacy and dental practice, a public library, the Helmsley Arts Centre and much else. Market day is Friday. Helmsley has free wi-fi in the central area.

Costcutter and the Post Office within are now closed. A limited hours temporary Post Office counter is available within The Black Swan Hotel on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. The nearest alternative fully operative Post Offices are in Ampleforth and Kirkbymoorside (only the latter open on Saturday mornings).

Helmsley is also home to the Helmsley Walled Garden, Helmsley Castle, and the Duncombe Park Estate.

For more information about Helmsley see:

https://www.facebook.com/visithelmsley/?locale=en_GB

Public Library

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

☎: 01609 534 555

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

The library is run by volunteers and the opening hours vary but are currently:

| | |
|----------------|----------------------------|
| Sun, Mon & BH: | Closed |
| Tue - Thu: | 10:00 – 13:00 |
| Fri: | 08:30 – 13:00 (Market day) |
| 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 ☎ 0300 131 2131 for details.

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.

Transport

Buses



Two bus services serve Oswaldkirk, but not on Sundays or Bank Holidays.

Reliance Buses, Route 31X: Kirkbymoorside – Helmsley – Easingwold – York, Monday to Saturday. A timetable is attached to the village hall signpost (which is also the bus stop), so you can check timings and frequency of buses.

The timetable is also available online at <https://reliancebuses.co.uk/service-31x/>

The Helmsley Hopper is a Ryedale Community Transport Dial and Ride service which runs between Helmsley and Malton on Tuesdays and Fridays. Passengers must pre-book journeys by calling 01653 699 059 by 14:30 the day before intended travel (office hours 09:00-16:00 Monday-Friday). For more details see: <https://www.ryedalect.org/our-services/local-bus-services/?pickup=oswaldkirk>

Bus connections to places further afield can be made in Helmsley, Kirkbymoorside, Easingwold, York and Malton.

Trains

The nearest mainline train stations are Malton, Thirsk and York.

Ryedale Community Transport

Ryedale Community Transport CIO 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:

- Community Car Scheme – individual car trips carried out by volunteers.
- Community Bus Routes.
- Dial and Ride Services.
- Group Travel in a 16-seater wheelchair-accessible vehicle.
- Wheels 2 Work moped hire scheme.

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

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

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

Taxis

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

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 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 Provider Information

Emergencies:

☎ 999 or 112

Non-urgent medical help:

☎ 111 or website 111.nhs.uk

The NHS website:

www.nhs.uk



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** (each served by the same staff)

Ampleforth Surgery

Back Lane
Ampleforth

Hovingham Surgery

High Street
Hovingham

YORK
YO62 4EF

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
Website: <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 (ED/A&E) and provides acute medical and surgical services, including trauma and intensive care, to the population and visitors to York and North Yorkshire.

The York Hospital
Wigginton Road
YORK
YO31 8HE

☎ Switchboard: 01904 631 313
Website: <https://www.yorkhospitals.nhs.uk/our-hospitals/york-hospital/>

Dentists

The nearest dental practice is **Helmsley Smiles**, 46 Bondgate, Helmsley, YORK, YO62 5EZ (<https://helmsleysmiles.com>, ☎ 770 493). Other dental practices exist in Pickering, Thirsk, Malton and York. Each has its own policy on accepting new patients and whether they are NHS or private.

For help in finding an NHS dentist visit:

<https://www.nhs.uk/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.get-information-schools.service.gov.uk/Search?SelectedTab=Establishments>

For information on performance data see:

<https://www.gov.uk/school-performance-tables>



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. **The future of this school is under review.**
☎ 788 357. Website: <https://www.st-hildascofe.n-yorks.sch.uk>
- **St Benedict's Catholic Primary School**, Back Lane, Ampleforth, YORK, YO62 4DE.
☎ 788 340. Website: <http://stbenedictscp.npcat.org.uk>
- **Helmsley Community Primary School**, Carlton Lane, Helmsley, YORK, YO62 5HB.
☎ 770 783. Website: <https://www.helmsley-rlt.co.uk>

Secondary Schools in YO62

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

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.coastandvale.academy>
- **Ampleforth College**, Ampleforth, YORK, YO62 4ER.
☎ 766 000. Website: <https://www.ampleforthcollege.org.uk>
- **York College**, Sim Balk Lane, YORK, YO23 2BB.
☎ 01904 770 100. Website: <https://www.yorkcollege.ac.uk/>

Leisure and Social – Oswaldkirk and Environs

Public Footpaths and Walking Groups



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). 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 North Yorkshire Council online maps: <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/rights-way-maps>.

The principal **Oswaldkirk Village Walking Group** meets monthly on a Sunday morning. 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 on the village website (<https://oswaldkirk.net/clubs/oswaldkirk-village-walking-group/program-of-walks/>). The co-ordinator is Shirley Halliwell. Contact her for further information: ☎ 788 823 or shirleyhalliwell222@btinternet.com.

In addition Pat Thompson ((☎ 787 168) leads walks on Wednesday mornings for 3-4 miles, ending at a tea-shop. Gerard Simpson (☎ 788 381) leads longer walks, on the second Wednesday of each month, often doing long distance routes in manageable sections.

The St Alban's Sports Centre

Situated on Aumit Lane (YO62 4HA) 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. These include a 25 metre swimming pool, squash courts, sports hall and gym/fitness suite. One may attend on a pay-per-visit basis or as part of an annual membership. For details of opening times, memberships and prices see their website: www.ampleforth.org.uk/sports or ☎ 766 740.

Gilling Castle Golf Club, Gilling East



Gilling Castle Golf Club has 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 for day visitors and guests. A number of village residents are members.

There are various membership rates and green fees. Full adult annual membership for 2023/24 is £370. The Club Manager is Ian Henley (☎ 788 274). Visit www.ampleforthgolf.co.uk for further details.

Helmsley Recreation Ground

The Helmsley Recreation Ground is located just north of the town centre on Baxton's Sprunt. It is home to the **Helmsley Sports and Social Club** and the **Helmsley Open Air Swimming Pool** (Yorkshire's only open-air heated 25 metre pool – open seasonally late May to early September). Clubs and facilities based there include: a children's play area, Duncombe Park Cricket Club, Duncombe Park Football Club, Helmsley Tennis Club, Helmsley Bowls Club, Helmsley Social Club and Fran's Kitchen.

Contact details:

- Helmsley Sports and Social Club, Baxton's Sprunt, Helmsley, YORK, YO62 5HT, ☎ 770 441, Email: helmsleyssc@gmail.com (Some of the above clubs have their own websites).
- Helmsley Open Air Pool, Baxton's Sprunt, Helmsley, York, YO62 5HT. ☎ 326 008 (when the pool is open only). Website: <https://helmsleyopenairpool.org> Email: info@helmsleyopenairpool.org

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, Mark Thompson, Email: markthompsonflying@yahoo.com

Fishing on different portions of the Rye in our immediate vicinity is available through either The Ryedale Anglers' Club (<https://www.ryedaleanglers.org.uk>) or The Ness Flyfishing Club (<https://www.nessflyfishers.org>).

Oswaldkirk Book Group

Oswaldkirk Book Group meets in the Village Hall in the evening of the second Monday of every other month. Members take turns to choose a book for discussion, taking into consideration what has been read previously, so that a variety of genres are included. For more information about the group contact Gaynor Badham (☎ 787 046 or gaynorbadham@gmail.com).

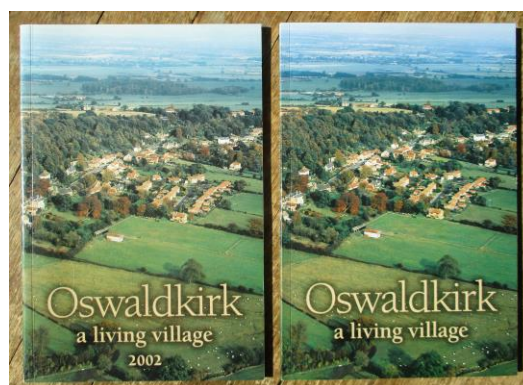
Oswaldkirk Women's League (OWLS)

OWLS are a welcoming group of Oswaldkirk women who usually meet on the third Monday of the month, during winter months, at 19:30. It's based on the National Women's Register principles for like-minded women to meet and discuss a theme or 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 / Email: rhona.sutherland@btinternet.com) or Sue Aherne (☎ 787 022 / Email: sue.aherne@btconnect.com).



Local History

"**Oswaldkirk, a living village**", Oswaldkirk's very own history book, was published to worthy fanfare in 2002 and updated in 2011. A few copies are still available and 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).



Ampleforth and District Historical Society (ADHS) was founded in 1975 to stimulate interest in and around Ampleforth in historical subjects in the widest sense, by means of talks and discussions, visits to sites of interest, and by involving interested members in local historical research.

The Society usually meets in Ampleforth Village Hall at 19:30 – dates are available from the Secretary Jeanette Green (☎ 788 824). The entrance fee is £3 including refreshments.

For details see also Ampleforth Village Hall or Ampleforth Village website:
<https://ampleforth.ryedaleconnect.org.uk/historical-society/>

Gardening

The Ampleforth and District Gardening Cub which meets on the first Wednesday of every month in Ampleforth Village Hall, except for outings and special events. It's been going strong since 1985 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 the Chair Pamela Staton (pam.staton@btinternet.com), or visit the website: <https://ampleforthgardening.org.uk>

Additionally several gardens in Oswaldkirk and neighbouring villages have previously been open via the **National Open Garden Scheme**, search <https://ngs.org.uk> for details.

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 track behind the village hall on Pottergate 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>

Ryedale Festival

This nationally and internationally renowned classical music festival occurs each summer, principally in the last 2 weeks of July. Performances and recitals are held in various local venues and are of a very high quality. Local volunteers form an essential part of the smooth running of the operation and there are many opportunities to get involved. For details see: <https://ryedalefestival.com>

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 National Landscape** (formerly 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.

As of 1st April 2023 all local government responsibilities now belong to **North Yorkshire Council**. The two-tier system of split responsibilities between District (Ryedale) and County Council (North Yorkshire) has been abolished; however many services are still administered on an area basis, so the ghost of Ryedale lives on.

These responsibilities include the whole range of local planning (unless within the National Park in which case this authority takes precedence), building control, local roads, council housing, environmental health, markets and fairs, refuse collection and recycling, cemeteries and crematoria, leisure services, parks, and tourism, 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.

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 on heritage, conservation areas and listed buildings see: <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/planning-and-conservation/heritage-conservation-areas-and-listed-buildings/heritage-conservation-areas-and-listed-buildings-ryedale>

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☎ Switchboard: 0300 131 2131
Website: <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/>

North York Moors National Park

North York Moors National Park Authority
The Old Vicarage
Bondgate
Helmsley
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☎: 772 700
Website: <https://www.northyorkmoors.org.uk/>
Email: general@northyorkmoors.org.uk

Howardian Hills National Landscape

Howardian Hills Staff Team
The Old Vicarage
Bondgate
Helmsley
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YO62 5BP



**Howardian
Hills
National
Landscape**

☎: 01609 536 778
Website: www.howardianhills.org.uk
Email: info@howardianhills.org.uk

Malton Registration Office (Births, Marriages and Deaths)

Malton Registration Office
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.

Online appointment booking: <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/contact-us/2462>
☎: 0300 131 2131

Other Sources of Information

Tourist Information

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

- **Malton Visitor Information Point**, Ryedale House, Old Malton Road, MALTON, YO17 7HH.
Open Monday to Friday 09:00 - 16:00.
- **Helmsley Community Library**, Town Hall, Helmsley, YORK, YO62 5BL.
Open Tuesday – Thursday 10:00 - 13.00, Friday 08:30 - 16:00, and Saturday 10:00 - 13:00.

See also:

- <https://www.ryedale.gov.uk/discover-ryedale/>
- <https://www.northyorkmoors.org.uk/things-to-do/attractions/sutton-bank-national-park-centre>
- <https://www.yorkshire.com>
- <https://www.english-heritage.org.uk/visit/region/yorkshire>
- <https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/days-out/regionyorkshirenortheast/yorkshire>

Local Newspapers and Free Community Magazines

In addition to being sources of local news and 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. The 'freebies' advertise a wide range of local service providers. The newspapers are also happy to report on anything newsworthy or of interest which has happened, or is being planned in Oswaldkirk.

- **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 Press**; based in York.
<https://www.yorkpress.co.uk>
- **The Yorkshire Post**. 'Yorkshire's National Newspaper'; based in Leeds.
<https://www.yorkshirepost.co.uk>
- **Handy Mag, Go Local!** and **On Your Doorstep** are free magazines that are intermittently delivered throughout the village.

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