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Greater Nunthorpe News is a quarterly magazine for our community supported by a partnership led by members of the Parish and Community Councils with funding from these and other bodies, including our advertisers to whom we are all grateful.

We are now in our fifth edition which has surprised some people but we are greatly encouraged by positive feedback from contributors and residents alike. Please let us or your community representatives know your views and contribute copy or pictures as you wish.

STOP PRESS

Community Award

We are pleased to report that our own Sag Hussein has just won this award

Civic Community Awards 2021 Making People Happier – Business

Citation - During the bleakest moments of the lockdowns, Sag, Linzi and their colleagues were, for many isolated people, the only friendly faces they regularly saw – and their only real, human connection to the outside world. Whilst this may also be true for many local shops, Sag certainly went above-and-beyond the call of duty; whether it be providing free deliveries of newspapers to senior citizens, or free deliveries to those having to isolate and unable to access online shopping.



Mayor of Redcar & Cleveland, Carole Morgan

Carole Morgan was re-elected as Mayor until the AGM in mid May 2022.



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NUNTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE

I am writing this update just after the **16th September** meeting of the Parish Council, when it was a pleasure to welcome several residents attending for the first time. The first attenders joined a journalist from the *Evening Gazette* and a number of local stalwarts already valued for their helpful contributions at previous meetings of the Parish Council.

NUNTHORPE DEVELOPMENT

As has become our usual practice, the Parish Council spent considerable time at our meetings in July and September reviewing progress towards implementing the commitments to Nunthorpe made by the Mayor earlier in the year.

These "**Nunthorpe Nineteen**" pledges are so significant that there is a separate report about them in this edition of Greater Nunthorpe News – covering promises about such matters as providing a Nunthorpe Community Centre and supporting the development of an infrastructure plan for Nunthorpe (starting with an independent factual analysis of life in Nunthorpe, known as the "Baseline Study").

We also considered two specific developments potentially impacting on the strategic development of Nunthorpe.

One is the revised application by **Persimmon** to construct 69 dwellings at Nunthorpe Grange. The Parish Council has consistently objected to a series of applications to build on this site. This opposition was reaffirmed at the September meeting, on the grounds that 69 houses would be an unreasonably large proportion of the total of 250 houses authorised for Nunthorpe Grange in the Local Plan.

The second strategic matter which attracted the attention of the Parish Council is the sale by Middlesbrough Council of **Nunthorpe Grange Farm**, because we are particularly concerned about the prospect of building houses to the south of the bypass. We were pleased to hear from Middlesbrough Council that a covenant will restrict construction of additional housing on this site, but we have sought reassurance from the legal team at Middlesbrough Council about whether such a covenant could be removed at a later date.

CONTINUING PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES

We have continued to give financial and other support to the **Nunthorpe Wildflower** projects and to the recent upsurge of activity by the many volunteers contributing to **Nunthorpe in Bloom**. We sponsored the purchase of the **defibrillator** at the shops in The Avenue, and the purchase of a large **novelty bin** in the park at The Avenue. Our lobby to reduce the **speed limits** on Dixons Bank through to Nunthorpe Village has been successful, and we continue to make the case to introduce traffic controls on Guisborough Road. We have liaised with the police, street wardens, and the Neighbourhood Safety Team about the 16 **crimes** and 10 reported instances of **anti-social behaviour** between July and September. As part of our interest in the preservation of **rights of way and bridleways**, we have attempted to obtain agreement among all parties about formally recording the status of the path known as the "Green Link".

Finally, we agreed, in principle, to contribute £1000 towards making "Triangle Wood" safe for access and enjoyment by Nunthorpe residents.



PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Parish Council has intervened in very few recent applications from individuals to develop their properties. However, we have continued to register our concern about the rate of progress to resolve several long-standing cases where Middlesbrough Council refused to grant planning permission.

CONSTITUTION and FINANCE

During the September meeting, we agreed the **Co-option** of a ninth volunteer to serve Nunthorpe residents as a Parish Councillor - **Russell Lynch** - a resident of Nunthorpe Village.

At our meeting in November, we will be setting our budget for 2022/23. Our income and expenditure in recent years has been (on average) about £10,000, because approximately 2,000 residents contribute a precept of about £5 per year. As part of a Governance Review which will be launched by Middlesbrough Council about Parish Councils and Community Councils, we will soon be asking Nunthorpe residents whether they think the precept to fund the Parish Council is reasonable value for money. (See the following update in our series on "Where is Nunthorpe?")

All residents are welcome to join us for our next meeting in Chandlers Ridge Primary School at 7pm on Thursday **18th November**.

Morgan McClintock – Chair of Nunthorpe Parish Council

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NUNTHORPE NINETEEN

UPDATE on “NUNTHORPE NINETEEN”

In the Spring edition of Greater Nunthorpe News, we reported that the Mayor of Middlesbrough, Andy Preston, had made 19 commitments to the people of Nunthorpe - the **“Nunthorpe Nineteen”** (N.N.) Although the full text of the pledges covered two pages, many of the promises are expressions of general intent. Since then, the main focus of the Parish Council and the wider Nunthorpe Vision Group has been on the refinement of the commitments into specific actions. This report selects six of the nineteen, and reviews the extent to which there has been progress toward implementation.

N.N.1. Maximum of 250 houses at Nunthorpe Grange

The Mayor and Officers consistently draw attention to their commitment to respect the absolute limit of 250 houses at Nunthorpe Grange, as established in the Local Plan. They have stated that Middlesbrough Council's fair share of the total of 250 will be reduced accordingly if the developers of the two sites not owned by Middlesbrough Council are particularly successful in applications to the Planning Committee. (See the related section of the Nunthorpe Parish Council Update on the revised planning application from Persimmon).

N.N. 6 & 7. Community Centre – Land and Funding

Middlesbrough Council has identified land adjacent to the new Medical Centre on Stokesley Road as potentially available for a Community Centre. Planning permission has been granted for road access to such a building, and funding has been allocated to construct the road. An initial contribution of £900,000 has also been earmarked for building construction. Nunthorpe Vision has established a subgroup to make recommendations about how best to make progress. This group has been asked to advise on such issues as the appointment of architectural services, and the process of consultation about the activities expected to take place in a Community Centre.

N.N. 10. Potential Land Exchanges within Nunthorpe Grange.

The Mayor's tenth commitment was to explore whether Middlesbrough Council and the owners / developers of the other two sites in Nunthorpe Grange – particularly Taylor Wimpey – might exchange sites of equal value. The Parish Council had been pressing for this in order to enhance the enjoyment by residents of an area of green space which will remain in Nunthorpe Grange after construction of 250 houses. In particular, the Parish Council's aim is preservation of the uninterrupted line of sight which currently exists from Guisborough Road to Roseberry Topping. During a series of meetings, it was argued that relocation would have commercial advantages for Taylor Wimpey. Both Taylor Wimpey and Middlesbrough Council agreed, in principle, to exchange land if a clear cost/benefit could be identified. Independent consultants were appointed to prepare comparative evaluations of various sites. However, at the meeting of the Nunthorpe Vision Group held on 30th July, it was reported that Taylor Wimpey and Middlesbrough Council are not convinced that the advantages outweigh the detriments.

On behalf of the Nunthorpe community, the Parish Council registered its considerable disappointment, but Middlesbrough Council Officers drew attention to two positive outcomes of the negotiations. One is that Taylor Wimpey had been persuaded not to pursue its proposal to seek road access directly from Guisborough Road to the housing planned for its site beside the playing fields of the NMPFA. (This important principle had already been accepted by the Mayor as N.N.4, but not by Taylor Wimpey). Secondly, the conclusion of negotiations about a potential land exchange enables resumption of discussion about a revised Masterplan for Nunthorpe Grange.

N.N.17 & 15. Establishment of Nunthorpe Infrastructure Planning Board, to build on the foundation of a "Baseline Study"

The Mayor undertook to establish a forum where Nunthorpe representatives would work jointly with Council Officers on the formulation and implementation of a framework for enhancement of Nunthorpe's public transport, roads, footpaths, cycleways, bridleways, parks and playing fields.

The Nunthorpe Vision Group decided that, on reflection, it would be preferable if this is integrated within the Nunthorpe Vision structure, rather than creating a "Board" unrelated to other developments.

The Infrastructure Group has now started to meet, but has been hampered by delays over the completion of the Baseline Study. The independent consultants who were awarded the contract to collate facts and figures about Nunthorpe in a comprehensive report have submitted a draft Baseline Study, which they are now reviewing in the light of feedback from the Nunthorpe Vision Group.

There has been progress on most of the Mayor's commitments, and the next edition of Greater Nunthorpe News will provide updates on some of the other nineteen undertakings.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Community grants available from Middlesbrough Council

Our Small Grants Fund is for residents and small community groups who want to make a difference to their area. If you have an idea but you need some money to get it off the ground, let us know as you can apply for up to £1500. You don't have to have a bank account or a constitution, we're just looking for people and groups who want to do some good, and need a helping hand to make that happen. Please note, grants from the Small Grants Fund are for people or small groups working together to help and improve their local area. You cannot apply to the Small Grants Fund if you're planning to spend the money on yourself.

We also have grants of up to £5,000 available for carers' groups!

For details on how to apply follow the link:

www.middlesbrough.gov.uk/social-care-and-wellbeing/health-and-wellbeing/community-grants

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WHERE IS NUNTHORPE?

We know that, for some readers, our series on "Where is Nunthorpe?" is the most eagerly awaited item in Greater Nunthorpe News. So here is the latest instalment.

We still don't have an authoritative answer!

In the Summer edition of GNN, we reported that a **map of Nunthorpe** had already been submitted by Nunthorpe Parish Council, with associated rationale, to the Local Authorities of Redcar & Cleveland and Middlesbrough, in the hope that this map would be endorsed as an area appropriate for "designation" as Greater Nunthorpe. The Parish Council is confident that this is a reasonable proposal, because we consulted residents through GNN, and we were encouraged by the high level of support from our readers. Also, the consultants provided by the agency to advise on neighbourhood plans - "Locality" - confirmed that we had complied with national regulations and followed the published guidance.

However, Redcar & Cleveland Council and Middlesbrough Council decided that our proposal for a neighbourhood plan area crossing local government boundaries required clearance from their legal teams. At a meeting of the Nunthorpe Infrastructure Group (a sub-group of the Nunthorpe Vision Group) held on 17th September, the Parish Council was informed that it had not yet been possible to obtain clearance from the lawyers appointed by Middlesbrough Council and Redcar & Cleveland Council.

Meanwhile, the proposal of Nunthorpe Parish Council that the residents of **Milan Grove and Yew Tree Grove** might be consulted with some urgency about their incorporation within the boundary of Nunthorpe Parish has also become more complicated than expected. We were informed that, in order to give consideration to our very local issue of whether there should be alignment between the boundaries of Nunthorpe Parish and Nunthorpe Ward, there would have to be a comprehensive "Governance Review" involving not only the two Parish Councils in Middlesbrough (Nunthorpe and Stainton & Thornton) but also all nineteen Community Councils. The terms of reference of this Governance Review have not yet been finalised, but once they are published, it is expected that consultation across Middlesbrough, and the presentation of a report on the findings of the review, will take about 12 months.

Nunthorpe Parish Council hopes that, in the midst of this wide and comprehensive debate about the future of arrangements for local governance in Middlesbrough, our initial request does not get lost.

Our simple query was whether all those living in Nunthorpe Ward could be treated for all purposes as residents of Nunthorpe.

We assure our readers that GNN will continue with this series until an answer is given to the question - "Where is Nunthorpe?"

NUNTHORPE SURGERY

Work starting on the new Nunthorpe GP Surgery

Patients of the Borough Road & Nunthorpe Medical Group will be delighted to hear that after many, many years of hard work by the Practice and all its local supporters, construction work is finally starting on the new surgery in the immediate future. The new surgery will be built on a greenfield site off Stokesley Road with dedicated pedestrian, cycle and vehicular access. Without the active, persistent input from the Practice, NHS Estates, local politicians, the Mayor, Middlesbrough Council, the Parish Council and other representative groups in Nunthorpe, this milestone would never have been reached.

The project is being managed for the Practice by the developer, Assura plc (www.assuraplccom).

Andrew Cooper, Assura Senior Development Manager, said: "It's fantastic to have construction underway on this facility at a time when – perhaps like never before – we've all seen the critical role which primary care plays in our communities. It has taken a huge amount of determination and teamwork from everyone involved to get this project moving whilst dealing with the pandemic, and we're thrilled to be a part of it."

Assura are maintaining a micro website about the surgery project. You can find a link to this on the Practice website (www.boroughroadandnunthorpe.nhs.uk).

The main contractor is Brims Construction Ltd, based in Sunderland (www.brimsconstruction.com). There are many examples of their North East construction successes on their website. We will see them at work very soon.

These are exciting times for Nunthorpe and neighbouring communities!



Aerial Photo Credit: Pete Spasic / PremiumP.U/W

TRAFFIC IN NUNTHORPE

Traffic Developments in and around Nunthorpe

Speed limit reductions in Nunthorpe:

After considerable campaigning by Ward Councillors, and the NPC and NCC, there is news that the Traffic Regulation Order covering new speed limits in Nunthorpe, has now been made [after the statutory notices were published allowing objections, if any, to be made].



The new speed limits are **30mph on A172 Dixons Bank and A172 Stokesley Road**, as it is on the sections of **Old Stokesley Road to the north and south of Nunthorpe Village**.



But the new speed limit on Old Stokesley Road **within Nunthorpe Village is 20 mph.**



However, on **Brass Castle Lane**, the new speed limit is **40 mph** (it was the national speed limit – an amazing historical fact).

The associated signing needs to be 'designed' to go into places that are clearly visible so they are enforceable. In some cases, extra white lines need to be painted where there are changes too. It is expected that this process will start to happen in the next few weeks.

New and fresh white lines

You may have noticed new white lines on Guisborough Road and fresh lines on the turning into Clevegate. The hashed double lines down the middle apparently to deter overtaking and to 'narrow' the lanes to help reduce speeds. The fresh speed sign on the road reminds drivers they are entering a 20mph zone.



The Vehicle Activated Signs on Guisborough Road were reported to the NPC as not working due to being overgrown by the hedge. A Council Officer responded rapidly has been out to check the problem which will be sorted out by the time of publication.

NUNTHORPE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

NCC Annual Report Summary and AGM Saturday 11th September

Photo courtesy Mike Eccles

This meeting was attended by over 50 people with some 12 tables, free coffee and biscuits, and more importantly, the opportunity to hear, and question, both Steve Turner, Police and Crime Commissioner, and Andy Preston, Mayor.

The North Skelton Band provided a small group to play some excellent background music for a while. A raffle raised £32 too. There was great feedback from all concerned and we will be looking to hold regular Saturday morning (see below) and holiday events, as well as evening events with speakers of interest, all with Covid precautions as long as is necessary.



Wade Tovey was elected as Chair, Tom Bailey as Secretary, and Chris Foggin as Treasurer. Former Treasurer Keith Parry, who has moved to Stokesley, and Adrian Walker were thanked for their work on the accounts. Adrian, we are pleased to hear, will continue to assist Chris who is new to the Executive.

Greater Nunthorpe News – we play a major part

Volunteer Scheme for Covid – working with Councillor Smiles and NPC

Defibrillator – installed at Premier Store & awareness session provided (see Facebook page for a recording)

Nunthorpe in Bloom helped – Keith Parry an Exec member mapped and recorded all tubs/planters in Nunthorpe, and we ran Blooming for the Queen's Birthday event

Wildflowers – David Leyland, Councillor Smiles and I, held meetings re the siting of wildflowers in a joint initiative with NPC and MBC

Community Litterpick – Adrian Walker liaised with Boro Champs to run this very successful event, and there had been a smaller event last year.

Nunthorpe Vision and the proposed community centre and **Neighbourhood Plan designation** we are very much part of the progress see elsewhere in GNN for more.

Neighbourhood Plan – designation

Christmas Toy Collection for a Middlesbrough Charity

Since the AGM the Executive has met and based on the success of the AGM in terms of day, time, coffee etc it has been agreed that we will establish a monthly event on say, the second **Saturday** of the month. Refreshments will be available, and each event will have a theme – for example an art exhibition/ competition, a bakery competition, crafts event all by residents.

We are looking for a name for these events – Saturday Social? Nunthorpe Institute Community Event (NICE!), but ideas welcome using the email.
(below the brief finance report below)

We will be meeting to arrange a Carol Concert event, occasional litter picks, a jumble sale (suggested by a resident) and any other ideas too. We have held a summer fair, a Halloween event and more in the past too. But we need volunteers too please **Volunteers** – we hope that members of the community will volunteer to help with one or more events or litter picks. A little help on occasion goes a long way and does not require ongoing 'committee' work – please speak to us or email as below.

Wade Tovey MBE TD

NCC Financial Report

Here is a short summary of the current financial position for NCC:

Account balance at 6th September	£ 4412.66
Less GNN funds received to date	797.39
NCC funds available	3615.27

Major items of income and expenditure in 2021

Income

Annual Grant from Middlesbrough Council	750.00
Website	201.44
Contribution to defibrillator	750.00

Committed expenditure

Recycling bin for Avenue Park	560.00
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Please look at our Facebook Page to keep up to date.

Any questions or suggestions please to info@nunthorpecc.org.uk

Your copy of the Greater Nunthorpe News

We received a couple of questions at the Community Council event regarding recycling, font size and readability.

Recycling – though the paper has a glossy feel it is fully recyclable. We do hope though that people will want to keep the magazine for a while! We do not use recycled paper as that paper becomes usable only by bleaching the pulped paper which is in itself not very eco friendly.

Font Size – We try, in keeping with the overall size of the magazine and cost, to keep the font size as readable as possible but sometimes in order to maximise space, captions and comments may be a little smaller.

Readability – The colors of the paper and print are based on the experience of the printers with working with education providers who are very cognisant of dyslexia and we have also done some research ourselves. Any suggestions are nevertheless welcome. We also will publish the magazine through Facebook and the NPC website so it can be 'blown up' on computers too.

CHURCH MESSAGES

Latest News from St Mary's Church, Nunthorpe

Autumn is a time of new beginnings for those starting back at school and college and for parents breathing a sigh of relief as more normal routine return. It's also a time to give thanks as we see the harvest gathered in.

The bible speaks of a time of great calamity in the story of Noah and the ark. That story ends with God's promise that, "As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease."
(Genesis 8:22)

Harvest is a time to reflect on both the goodness and the fragility of creation, to give thanks for God's provision and to reflect on our responsibility to be good stewards of the created world.

We have two special services this year to help us think about these themes:

On Sunday October 3rd at 9:30 am in the Church Hall Café church will be meeting to enjoy a shared breakfast and to celebrate the Feast of St Francis, with a special emphasis on the joy that pets can bring to our lives. Café Church continues to meet on the first Sunday of the month so there will be a service on Sunday November 7th too.

On Sunday October 10th at 10am there will be a Harvest Festival service in St Mary's Church at 10am with a collection for the Foodbank. Both services are suitable for all ages and there is no need to book.

For up-to-date information on everything that's happening at St Mary's please do look at our website www.stmarys-nunthorpe.org

Revd Tessa Stephens, Vicar

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St Mary's decorated for Harvest



St Bernadette's Church

Not surprisingly, the lovely weather experienced in September has been much appreciated, by so many. The North Sea so close by, bringing in August one dreary day after another was not what I suspect any of us wanted.

That being said, it has always seemed to me that the Church's Calendar, is littered with as it were bright days, by which I mean those amazing men and women, whom the Church has declared Saints, celebrated on their particular days.

Our understanding of what this means in the Catholic Church would involve a substantial piece of writing, suffice to say, it means much more than inspirational, which could imply they are no more than memories. On the contrary, as they enjoy God's company in his heavenly kingdom, they are very much alive, as they pray for the Church on earth.

The celebration of this doctrine reaches its most celebrated expression on All Saints Day on the first of November. This is the day above all which reminds us of our destiny and hope.

Of course this stands in marked contrast to a secular understanding, which is not to strike a strident note, but a truthful one.

It could be said we are not exactly surrounded by inspirational leaders, which makes many look with gratitude to the example of the courage and faith of the Saints. One final thought, the church never confuses holiness a characteristic of any saint with perfection, which is only achieved in heaven!

**Monsignor D. C. Hogan.
Parish Priest.**



Greetings from Nunthorpe Methodist Church

I am pleased to report that the easing of covid restrictions over the summer months has enabled us to worship with more freedom than before. We are still being careful of course and continue to wear face coverings and retain some social distancing, but we can now sing as a congregation and take up at least some of the activities that have been laid aside these past months.

On a positive note, our church will be holding two significant events in October. Councillor Carole Morgan (who belongs to our church) has been appointed mayor of Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council. We are pleased to support her in this role by hosting the Mayor's civic service on 3rd October at 3:00pm. In addition we also celebrate the Church's 60th anniversary on the following Sunday 10th October with a special morning service at 11:00am. We look forward to these events and to celebrating together after the difficult period we have all been through.

Beyond Nunthorpe, the Methodist Church continues to support some of the most vulnerable in Middlesbrough through projects such as the Methodist Asylum Project, Trinity Family Friendly Centre, and Linthorpe Road Resource Centre. We also have a Methodist Homes for the Aged (MHA home) well established nearby at Stainton. We consider those who are isolated and vulnerable to be precious to God, and in partnership with others we seek to offer help, friendship and hospitality to them. The work that takes place through these projects is transformative bringing hope to those who have none. We thank the staff and many volunteers who are involved in this work.

I wish you all well in this autumn season.

With all good wishes,

Revd. David Godfrey

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The **Methodist** Church



Annual Christmas Fair

Saturday 27th November 2021.

10.00am until 12.30pm.

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Anyone wishing to have a stall can
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Kay Braithwaite

OURGREENWAYS



OurGreenways

Promoting Green and Healthy Living in Nunthorpe

Our Greenways is a voluntary organisation with no staff, with the aims of protecting Nunthorpe's greenways and to promote green and healthy living and both mental and physical well-being.

We will achieve our aims by:

- Encouraging wider awareness of issues that can potentially affect our community through general environmental issues – noise, air pollution and CO2 emissions which can cause health problems
- Arguing for a Neighbourhood Plan and seeking support to assist
- Engaging with the community through meetings, petitions, Facebook, our website, Greater Nunthorpe News
- Green community activities and with an ever-widening range of volunteers
- Making a difference by playing significant parts in Nunthorpe Vision, Parish and Community Councils
- Leading Middlesbrough Alternative Planning Partnership (with similar groups) arguing for a wider more pro-active consultation process about any developments

We have a constitution, committee and a business account with double signatories. We successfully bid for a Community Lottery Grant, and have received or have applied for other grants too

Website – www.ourgreenways.org – information about us, walks, a section of residents' photographs of wildlife in the area, and more- can you contribute photographs or articles?

Facebook Pages – ourGreenways and MAPP- regular posts on green and healthy and planning issues – can you share our posts or send us pictures or points to post?

QR codes – we have over ten of these out around Nunthorpe and a mobile camera scan will reveal information about points of interest POIs which are located on our website. We hope to expand the range of these and locate them on map of walks around Nunthorpe. Can you suggest POIs and favourite walks?

Public Rights of Way (PROWs) group – we are working with others to preserve rights of way , not least as there is a review which will be completed by 2026, and we must preserve and protect all such PROWs, footpaths and bridleways

Nunthorpe in Bloom – we have worked closely with Nunthorpe in Bloom to re-invigorate planters and flower beds and made a significant contribution to the cost of the new plants, tubs and compost.

Grumpy Gardeners – this group may be small but has done excellent work with our schools and supported tree planting and biodiversity in Nunthorpe – and we support them

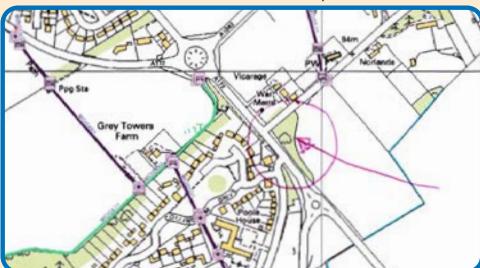
We are happy to support other groups with similar aims to the benefit of Nunthorpe

Triangle Wood / Church Lane Wood – (see map) this wood is Middlesbrough Council property but is currently inaccessible due to the fact that there are unsafe trees. We believe this wood (there is only one other wood) when safe, will provide a pleasant community asset (with nice views of Roseberry Topping too)

Access to the wood - We have agreement that we can use the wood at a peppercorn rent, but to make it safe some c.£9,000 of work needs to be carried out by specialised contractors. We can use some of our funds but need further funding. NPC has indicated its intent to contribute £1000 (subject to other contributions and agreement on the legal details) and NCC has offered to help, but we will also need other grant applications to be successful.

'Developing and maintaining' the wood - to maximise biodiversity, wildlife and basic access some work will need to be done and there are some volunteers already. Can you be one of them? Coming together to do the work will help fulfil many of our aims and leave a legacy asset.

Please email info@ourgreenways.org if you want to help in any way or want to join our mailing list for the occasional newsletter or ring **Wade Tovey 07976 363553**



Hi,

I was really surprised to see a photo of myself on page 26. This was 1st Nunthorpe Scouts summer camp expedition to Kieder in 1998 (ish). The trailer had been modified at the rear so we could manage to place all the bikes on it, not sure how legal that would be these days!!! The photo certainly brought back some very happy memories.

The photo right to left shows myself, John Wilkinson (Scout Leader), then Chris Selby (Venture Scout - helping on this Scout expedition) and finally Sally Selby (I think) and my parents in the back ground.

I would be very interested to know where this photo came from and if there are any other photos of the camp.

Regards John



1st Nunthorpe Scout Group

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All ages welcome, we are also looking for adult volunteers (18+) with a passion for people and the outdoors!

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MORTON CARR WOOD

Behind St.Mary's Church Hall on Morton Carr Lane is a real gem of a 'green space'. The name Morton Carr seems most appropriate (Morton = settlement by a marsh or moor; Carr = old Norse for swamp) in reflecting the often 'boggy' conditions underfoot in some parts. The 4.3 Hectare site lies between the Esk Valley Railway line, the A1043 Nunthorpe 'Bypass' and the Public Footpath which borders Nunthorpe Academy's playing fields and is owned by Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council (possibly bought from the Brunton family) The site has been removed from sale, at least for now, and the council's Natural Heritage manager is very keen to help maintain and improve this natural space for the benefit of the wildlife community and local residents.

A tree nursery was set up by Cleveland County Council in the late 1970s as part of the Urban Fringe Exercise; trees and shrubs were delivered from wholesale nurseries (locally, Scotland and Holland) and stored here before being transported to various landscape sites. Many were bare-rooted plants, heeled in, and simply left in situ when the nursery was abandoned. In the late 1980s a Youth Training Scheme was based on the site; at the 'bypass' end there was a storage container for equipment and the young people grew vegetables and fruit. They also practised grass-cutting at the 'Church Hall' end. Again, the scheme was finally abandoned and the land was leased for a time, possibly with the intention of keeping animals, but nothing became of it, except for the continued leasing of the corner grassed area by the Scouts group. Further use was made by the nearby Primary and Secondary schools for Cross-country lessons and competitions; some readers may have fond memories of these! Students would enter at the end nearest the Church Hall, run round the perimeter and exit at the top gate near the bypass.

Thanks to former chair of Nunthorpe Parish Council, the late Mr Bob Mullen who produced a detailed tree survey in 2009. Look out for the QR codes placed around the woods, which offer access to information about the trees; Oak, Ash, Silver Birch, Alder, Swedish Whitebeam, various Conifers to name a few. As well as the large number and variety of trees there are areas of hedging, shrubs and rough grassland. A patchwork of natural paths weaves around and through the whole site which is home to a wide variety of mammals, insects, fungi, plants and birds. It is a wonderful place to wander and listen to the amazing birdsong and pleasing to hear about the different groups, such as the scouts and children's nursery, enjoying this invaluable green space.

David Leyland

History information thanks to Mr Bob Mullen, Mr Ted Parker and Mr Gwynne Smith

FRIENDS OF MORTON CARR WOOD

The Friends of Morton Carr Wood group held its first AGM in September, where committee members and the constitution were approved. The Chair of the group is Yvonne Campbell. Since the first 'Covid lockdown' many more residents have enjoyed this natural woodland and it is the group's intention, working with RCBC and other groups, to continue to manage the site sensitively to protect and enhance its biodiversity for the benefit of local residents and wildlife.

The Flatts Lane Country Park Ranger was able to attend the AGM and offer advice on future projects. His team of volunteers got to work immediately, cutting back the undergrowth to widen the bypass end of the public footpath and they will lead on work during the winter to tidy up areas within the wood.

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NUNTHORPE SQUASH ACADEMY

At Nunthorpe Squash Club, we actively encourage new members to join and our Squash Academy targets young players from age 6 to 16. Squash is a great sport to play and the club welcomes families and individual members, who are both new to the sport or experienced players.

Our Academy junior sessions run every Saturday morning, starting at 9am for the starter group and 10.15am for juniors with more experience. We have been delighted with the progress the junior players are making, whilst aiming for fun sessions that keep them fit!

We are planning to host a range of events this term including development opportunities through certificates, fun weeks, competitions, a Saturday Evening 'Special Event' and weekly sessions teaching a wide range of squash skills, plus a whole lot more!

Squash Academy sessions are held across the four squash courts and we have Qualified England Level 2 coaches running the sessions. In the summer term, our Sponsored Roseberry Topping Walk helped to fundraise for the purchase of Squash Academy T-Shirts and new equipment to ensure that anyone who joins us will have full use of all the equipment needed to play.

We welcome children from the age of 6 and no previous experience is needed. Our coaches are on hand to make sure that children feel comfortable, supported and enjoy each session. Anyone interested can sign up on our website – the first session is free.

If you would like to join, please register at: www.nunthorperecreationclub.co.uk/register.php

NUNTHORPE & MARTON KNITTERS

Tokyo 2020

Team GB gained 65 medals at the Olympics and 124 medals at the Paralympics. A tremendous achievement that inspired Nunthorpe & Marton Knitters to create an Olympic Tree on Nunthorpe Station.



Dinosaurs at Large

Nunthorpe & Marton Knitters' summer display at Nunthorpe Station. The cavemen are being very industrious – yes, we know cavemen and dinosaurs didn't co-exist, but they look happy together.



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NUNTHORPE ACADEMY

'A Fresh Start to a New Academic Year'

When one looks back to the last year, in education at least, you could describe it in one word; a headache. Lateral flow tests, positive results, false negative results, whole class isolations and a partial academy closure to name but a few factors which contributed. Getting to the six week summer break was a marathon; everyone collectively breathing a palpable sigh of relief upon their return home at the end of July.

The holidays came and went in the blink of an eye, but if there was one thing that all teachers were excited about upon their return, then it was the thought of something that would resemble much more of 'normal' year. It's safe to say that it is in the classroom where I feel the most content; the same being said for the majority of our fantastic students. Seeing their radiant faces back in the academy, enjoying, excelling and experiencing a love of learning is simply divine.

In being a drama teacher, practical work is my daily bread and butter. The same being said for the likes of Music, Art and PE. It's such work and activities which I love to explore with students, their words and enthusiasm for the subject being the only reward needed to know that things are getting better and long may it continue. Students are versatile individuals of whom all have experienced disturbance and disruption in ways that we, the adult population, will never fully understand. Looking at how well some of our youngest students have coped with the concept of say, transition to secondary school, has been nothing short of inspiring as they have literally taken on everything that the world has thrown at them, and then some. The same could be said for our 'Class of 2021 leavers' of whom have left our academy with some of the best grades possible; once again, a product of their hard work and dedication to the cause. Although we have only been back for around two to three weeks, the academy has its heart beat and colour back.

Extracurricular clubs are beginning anew, as are preparations for the PE departments 'Colour Run'. Meanwhile in drama, we are frantically working to recast our annual musical given that COVID19 so cruelly stole performance opportunity after performance opportunity from our students; many of whom have had to leave for pastures new, to university and beyond.

If there is however, anything to take and look ahead to the future with, I think that I speak for all those teachers, senior leaders, teaching assistants, support staff and administrative assistants when I say, "Here's to a calmer, brighter future that we can all look forward to."

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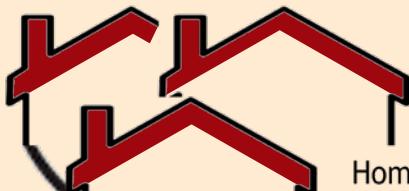
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1916 Nunthorpe Map (Part IV: The Coming of the Railway))

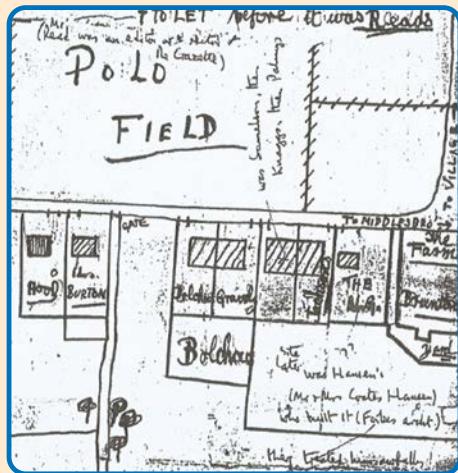
Jonathan Leyland

In this final part of my look at Peter Hood's 1916 map I turn to the remaining quarter of his creation.

The Railway

It might at first glance appear odd that I have titled this piece 'The Coming of the Railway' as there are no tracks to be seen on this part of the map. But this section perhaps shows more than any other the influence of the railways which came to Nunthorpe in 1854.

With its railway connection Nunthorpe was an attractive place for the iron masters of the River Tees to reside: you may already be familiar with the family names of Burton and Bolckow whose properties are to be found on the above map.



But the bulk of the map here is given over to the Polo Field.

Polo Field

The combination of these new 'iron and steel merchants' [as the Burton and Bolckow residents described themselves on the 1911 Census] and the local gentry ensured that the Polo Field was well used.

Also Nunthorpe Station was able to accommodate horses and special trains carried them: from the station the horses were ridden along Guisborough Road. In 1911 the station handled 349 polo ponies [polo pony is the term used for a horse used in the game of polo].

The playing of polo might have lasted until as late as 1920. About 1952 Lady Kathleen Harrison of Red Cottage bought the Polo Field (which their house all but overlooked) and gave it to the inhabitants of Nunthorpe as a sports field: the Sports Club was begun and the first pavilion constructed.

I have though been unable to ascertain when the field was first given over to polo.

Other sports such as tennis and cricket were played in Nunthorpe.

But even as the playing of polo in Nunthorpe was fading, Nunthorpe Station, the railway and new houses were attracting a new generation to Nunthorpe.

20th April 1914 Daily Gazette for Middlesbrough

Part of an advertisement from this 1914 edition of The Gazette reads:

Also, 6 Newly-erected SEMI-DETACHED DWELLING-HOUSES situate in Connaught and Rookwood Roads, within 5 minutes' walk of Nunthorpe Station...Nunthorpe Station is only 4 ½ miles from the busy industrial town of Middlesbrough, with its 140,000 inhabitants, and the locality is rapidly developing as a residential district.

But this is a (hi)story for another time so I return for the last time to Peter and his map.

Odds and Ends

In this part of the map there are a few comments in the different/later handwriting (which I discussed in part II). I wonder what story lies behind the confused/confusing words in the bottom right corner: *(Mr & Mrs Coates Hansen) who built it (Forbes architect)-they treated him awfully!*

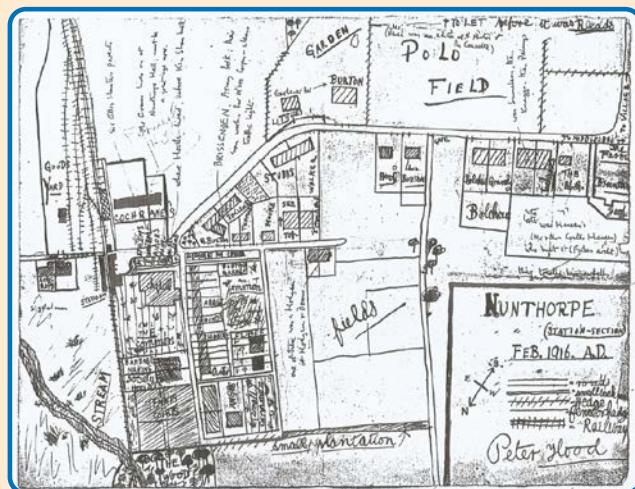
It took me a long time to realise what is very odd about this map. There are on the whole map three direction references (eg *TO VILLAGE* in the above section) but NO road names! Did Peter assume that his map users would know the names?/Did he simply not get round to adding them?

Peter Hood

And so we have come full circle back to the author/cartographer Peter Hood.

His house, Kin Shan, fittingly can be seen on the left hand edge above with the wording *Hood*.

Peter Hood's 1916 Map



A concluding thought

So the map lies in the present with Peter, his family and Kin Shan, but also with the World War; the past with the growth of the railways, the iron masters and polo; and the future with housing developments and more new Nunthorpe residents.

Tees Scoria Bricks – A Surprising Garden Find!

We live in one of the older Edwardian properties on Rookwood Road and embarked on giving our garden a bit of a make-over this summer taking up the old concrete path on the left of the picture below.

Imagine our surprise when underneath the concrete we discovered original blue/grey bricks which looked like cobble stones. Some of the bricks bore the wording "Tees Scoria Brick Co".

You may have noticed these blue/grey bricks as they are still a common sight in the gutters, e.g. there are some that run down the sides of The Avenue Road in places and Rookwood back lane.

The bricks were manufactured from molten blast furnace slag, a waste product that was available in huge quantities in our area from the steel works. The waste at the bottom of the blast furnaces was initially used in order to create land mass in the bogger areas of a burgeoning industrial Teesside. Then it was removed and used to create walls on the River Tees and also used to form a rudimentary insulating product.

In 1872 Joseph Woodward formed the Tees Scoria Brick Company and was turning the slag into these distinctive shiny grey-blue bricks. They were fired for three days and formed the durable, waterproof and chemical proof bricks which still line many roads in the Tees Valley. Not only were these bricks used in the UK, but they were exported around the world to line streets as they were extremely hard wearing.

In the spirit of 'recycle and reuse' we decided to keep the Scoria bricks and used them to create a winding path down our garden and are extremely happy with the result. Luna likes the path too – makes a comfy place to sleep apparently!

Family connections discovered after we started working with County Print

We decided to use County Print originally due to a good reputation amongst various groups, and because they are a Middlesbrough company, and quoted a very competitive price.

As Editor I later discovered that Richard at County Print, who I work closely with, lives in Nunthorpe. But the Nunthorpe connection I then learned is much stronger – Rob also lives in Nunthorpe. They, along with Tony and their sister all went to Nunthorpe School and were all taught by my parents, Harry and Pat. My father was one of the handful of teachers who helped start Nunthorpe Secondary School when it was being built over fifty years ago – I can remember as a young teenager walking around it as it was being built.

Furthermore Richard, and his sister Suzi, went to the School in the same class as my son Lewis, and Lewis recently taught Richard's eldest daughter. Finally Richard's grandmother was the Head Cook at the School too! A funny old world



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LETTERS AND COMMENTS TO THE EDITOR

Thank you so much Wade for your prompt response, and the excellent newsletters. They are so all-encompassing and of great interest to me.

I have already printed Bob Mullins Nunthorpe History Group Newsletter Nunthorpe History Group from 2013 which I found yesterday, and which includes an interesting piece by Peter Jopling.

My great-great-grandfather William Curry came from Aireyholme Farm in Great Ayton to Morton Carr Farm sometime after 1822. He had rented Aireyholme from 1809 until 1822. Then George Jackson (my great-great-grandfather) bought it in 1824, his son Henry sold it in 1930. William's son Thomas Jackson Curry was born at Morton Carr Farm in 1839 which I have verified. He married Sarah Jackson in 1867 in Stokesley. As per my email, William Henry Curry, my grandfather was born there in 1880.

I am hoping to establish if there are any Curry people left in Nunthorpe or if anyone knows what happened to them after 1870.

I expect to be in Nunthorpe next year as I would like to visit the farm and St Mary's where my grandfather was christened. And meet a Curry!

I saw yesterday that a company called W Buckle & Son a 'farming' enterprise has its address listed in a business directory at Morton Carr Farm, Nunthorpe. I am interested to know what remains of where the Currys lived and worked.

It would be great if you would please publish the email I sent you Wade, plus the above.

Thanks again for your so encouraging response, and I look forward to seeing whether we can dredge up a Curry or two or any trace of them!

**Derek Jones – PO Box 145, Black Rock 3193 Victoria, Australia
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Hi Jonathan [Leyland – via Editor]

I lived and grew up in Nunthorpe since early 1950's. It was Nunthorpe Station in those days. I lived in Westwood Avenue and noticed your 1916 map. Would you have a larger copy of this?

I used to play on the Wimpey building site on Connaught Road when it was being built. We had fields all around and would go on my bike down Gipsy Lane to Marton to my friend's house in Gunnerngate lane. High hedge. How things have changed. Lady Harrison would turn in her grave if she knew what has happened to Nunthorpe.

Your feature and the many walks I have done during Lockdown re visiting all the old haunts brings back many memories.

I can relate to your Magazine and think it's very good.

Look forward to your reply. **Alan Whitfield**

An interesting visit to Botton Village

I remember watching a documentary about Botton Village in 2005, and I have always wanted to visit. I was therefore invited by Steven James, the General Manager, to come and have a look round and I thought it would be a good opportunity to write an article for the Autumn edition of GNN.

Botton Village was founded in 1955 and was the first Camphill centre to offer supported living opportunities to adults with learning disabilities and those with additional needs. Botton is managed by the Camphill Village Trust. Their purpose is to offer a sense of belonging and community to those they support, and they have 10 communities and services throughout England. We have a community on our doorstep too, which is the Larchfield Community, based in Hemlington.

Botton Village and its farms nestle in the Danby Dale in the beautiful North York Moors National Park and is located about half an hour away from Nunthorpe.

More than 30 houses make up Botton Village, comprising of sturdy farmhouses, purpose-built accommodation, modern barn conversions and houses designed, to offer a comfortable and homely atmosphere.

There is a Village Hall, the "Joan of Arc Hall" which provides a high-quality venue for performances, shows and gatherings. There is a church with a graveyard, a village store, a coffee bar and a Post Office too. The cafe and village store are open to non-residents as are the extensive grounds with stunning views over Danby Dale. It would have been rude not to have had something to eat in the cafe and we also stocked up on some interesting jams and other provisions from the shop.

There is a wide range of workshops and other social-cultural and training activities which provide the opportunity not only for people to contribute to their community but also the potential to develop skills, gain valuable hands-on experience and feel valued and appreciated. We saw baskets being made by community members.

There is a working farm and during our visit, we saw cows, sheep and free range chickens. The milk is made into various cheeses in the creamery and they also sell yoghurt and organic raw milk. There were glass houses with tomatoes in various stages of ripeness and other seasonal fruit and veg.

The Camphill Village Trust welcomes people coming to visit the site. Their grounds are open to the general public and people can visit their café and village store.

They are looking for support workers to join the team as well as volunteers to help with such activities as the befriending of residents to encourage social participation, supporting with day opportunities as well as grounds maintenance to keep the place looking at its best.

***If you visit Botton Café and show this article you will receive a free tea or coffee with any purchase of cake, sandwich or meal.**

The opening times of Botton Village Store is Monday to Friday 8.30am – 4.30pm, Saturday 10.00am – 12.30pm.

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AUTUMNAL	ORANGE	PUMPKIN	RUSTLING
HARVEST	OCTOBER	HALLOWEEN	SWEEPING
FESTIVAL	SCARF	RELAXING	BOUNTY
PLough	FALL	SCARY	RUSSET
GATHER	RED	SPOOKY	NIPPY
FIELDS	EARTHY	OVERGROWN	BROWN
COLOURFUL	CHANGING	HOWLING	BLUSTERY
RAKED	BRISK	COLDER	ENCHANTING
FIRESIDE	EQUINOX	ABUNDANT	GOLDEN
LEAVES	SWEATER	HIBERNATE	
BOUNTIFUL	LEAF	FOGGY	
COMFORTABLE	FROSTY	MAPLE	

Nunthorpe Hall Care Home

Nunthorpe Village



Luxury Retirement and Care in the heart of the countryside

We have over 25 years of nursing and elderly care management experience.

The property stands within extensive grounds of some six-and-a-half acres, and has been sympathetically designed to offer the finest accommodation in the area, allowing residents to enjoy their retirement within the grandest and most spacious day areas available locally.

The Hall's lake and beautiful gardens allow residents and their families to enjoy a lovely summer day in a tranquil location. It also benefits from its own Historic Chapel of St Mary and residents or families may use the beautiful Chapel whenever they wish.

We offer:

- Permanent and respite elderly care
- Grade 2 Listed stately home
- 33 individual luxury en-suite rooms
- Stunning 6.5 acre grounds with lake and gardens
- Private chapel and monthly services in the home
- Full admission assessments with individual person-centred care plan
- Fine dining and Marmadukes Tea Room
- Well-stocked Library

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