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## A Festive Hello from Your Parish Council

Well, its been quite a year!

As we wrap up a busy year, we are saying a huge thank you to everyone who helps make Briercliffe a great place. With community events and everyday neighbourly kindness, your involvement brings our township to life.

Christmas is about coming together, sharing joy, and looking out for each other. Whether it's the festive lights, catching up with family and friends, or just a quiet moment with a mince pie, we hope this season brings you happiness.

We're excited for the New Year and looking forward to working on more projects and events that make our parish even better. Your ideas and support mean the world to us - so keep them coming!

**From all of us on the Parish Council, have a very Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year filled with health, laughter, & good times.**

## Spooktacular Success – Celebrating Our Halloween Decoration Winners!



This October, our parish was transformed into a spooky wonderland as residents entered the competition. From glowing pumpkins to eerie skeletons and haunted houses, the creativity on

display was truly fang-tastic! We were thrilled to see so many families join in the fun, turning streets into scenes straight out of a Halloween movie. Judging was no easy task, but after much deliberation, our winners were crowned! A huge thank you to everyone who took part—you made this Halloween unforgettable! Your efforts brought smiles (and a few chills!) to the whole community. Keep those ideas brewing for next year... who knows what spooky surprises await?



Sarah



Briercliffe with Extwistle Parish Council Meetings,  
held in the Community Centre, Jubilee St  
Public are welcome

8<sup>th</sup> January 2026  
5<sup>th</sup> March 2026

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# Briercliffe Pubs and Brewing

Roger Barstow Frost, Briercliffe Parish Councillor

## How many public houses are there in Briercliffe?

It is not an easy question. It never has been. This is largely due to the changing location of the boundaries of both Briercliffe and Extwistle, but there are other issues which are not all that easy to resolve.

Just to add a bit of interest to the story of pubs and brewing in Briercliffe, you might be surprised to find out that these trades resulted a series of riots in Briercliffe in the late 1860's.

At the present time there are four public houses within the Parish. They are the Hare & Hounds, at Haggate; the Roggerham Gate, in that village; the Craven Heifer and the Commercial, both of which are in the Cop Row area. The



The Hare & Hounds Inn, at Haggate. This inn is known to have existed in the sixteenth century but, being where it is, it is likely that it is considerably older.

latter two were, until quite recently, in Burnley but the Cop Row area was taken out of Burnley and included in Briercliffe about a quarter of a century ago.

We will come back to these pubs later in the

article but now let us turn our attention to brewing in Briercliffe. Many of you will know, that despite its name, the Worsthorne Brewery was at the Briercliffe Brewery which was located in part of Harle Syke Mill. Lots of local people erroneously call this mill, which is located on Burnley Road, in Briercliffe, "Oxford Mill" after a surgical dressings manufacturer which was located on the building. It is, however, important that this building is known by its proper name, Harle Syke Mill, because the village is named after the mill.

Until the early years of the nineteenth century most beer was produced at home. In Burnley there is still a pre-Industrial Revolution brewery in town. It is located at Towneley Hall and dates from the eighteenth century. It is almost 300 years old but it no longer brews beer. At present, the building houses Burnley's Local History Museum where you will find a number of exhibits from the Former Massey's Burnley Brewery.

In the early nineteenth century a number of independent breweries had been founded at Bridge End and on the banks of the river Brun, on Bridge Street, but most beer consumed in

the town's pubs was made on the premises, usually not by men but by the women of the household. We know that some of Burnley's oldest inns brewed their own beer from as early as the sixteenth century. These included the Sparrow Hawk (formerly the Towneley Arms) and the Talbot (formerly the Parker's Arms). This family was the Parker's of Extwistle Hall, so they clearly had Briercliffe connections.

Getting back to Briercliffe and Extwistle, the first pub, in our area, that I know of that brewed its own ale is the Roggerham Gate. The reference refers to ale being brewed and sold in Roggerham in the Middle Ages though it is not clear that the site of the Roggerham Gate was the place where the ale was sold. The information can be found in the Manorial Records of the Manor of Ightenhill, of which the township of Extwistle was a part. We can infer, from this, that the Roggerham ale had been tested by the manorial ale taster and found wanting, something that would not happen at the Roggerham Gate today.

Other pubs, or inns, in Briercliffe, also brewed their own beer. It is known that the Hare & Hounds, in Haggate, founded before 1600, possibly 1585, brewed its own ale. A brewery, mentioned in an advert of 1830, existed behind the inn. This brewery was later used as the band room for Haggate Brass Band.



The Sun Inn, at Haggate, a former beer house dating from c1860. This image is the inn in March, 2007 when it was still in use.



The Roggerham Gate Inn. The present pub was built in 1885 adjacent to the ancient inn which existed in the fifteenth century.

It was this property, which enjoyed the status of a beer house, that was responsible for riots of the late 1860's. This was a time when teetotalism was very prominent. The Baptist Minister, at Hill Lane, the Rev Richard Littlehales, took it on himself to convince local people that the Sportsman should be closed and, in doing so, he also succeeded in bringing to an end Mon John's, a beer house, at what is now Slack Farm, and the Thursden Inn.

It was not only alcohol that irritated Mr Littlehales, the Sportsman, was also used for gambling. Robin House Lane was a perfect pitch for road bowling and the site became famous for the illegal gambling that took place there. On occasion hundreds of men would turn up at this location, and others in, or near, Briercliffe – Widdop was one – and, until the police arrived, and stopped the event, it appeared that the consumption of vast quantities of ale, together with rampant gambling, let, as one man put it, "all hell loose".

The remains of the Thursden Inn can still be seen by Ridehalgh Lane (formerly Badger Lane), in Thursden. It was described as a "whist shop", a place which brewed its own small ale but, difficult to believe, there was another inn in the valley, the Rieve Edge Inn, which was located by the stream at the bottom of the Rieve Edge. Both of these inns can be dated to the eighteenth century, the Rieve Edge Inn became famous, in 1813, when a Luddite rioter, from Yorkshire, was arrested there.

Another hostelry could be found in Extwistle, on the old road from Roggerham, via Sweet Well to Widdop. It was known variously as the Oak Inn, the King's Arms and the King's Oak, though the first name is the most usual. Although it brewed its own ale, all that is left today is a tumble-down building at Wall Nook.

To round up the story of Briercliffe's inns and breweries, we should not exclude the Craven Heifer, a Massey House, & one of the best buildings in their portfolio of pubs. Both the Craven and the Commercial, now owned by Hyde's, are late nineteenth century pubs, but we should note that, before they were built, the Cop Row had two unnamed inns, one on the site of the Commercial, though I am not sure of the location of the other.

We should not forget the Briercliffe Working Men's Club, latterly a Social Club, the only drinking shop in Harle Syke. The village has had the reputation of being the largest place in England not to have a pub.

The other nearby pub, the Shooters, is still with us but it is in Nelson. The former pubs, at the Farmer's Arms, on the road to Trawden, and the Coldwell Inn, nearby, have long gone, as has the Traveller's Rest, at Widdop, which was only a few hundred yards outside Briercliffe, though the

Packhorse, now closed, was further along the same road.

Not many of you will recall the Happy Cot, which was on Sutcliffe Street, in Harle Syke. Strictly it was a social club, but, as understand it, bottled beer was not an uncommon site in the club!



The Sportsman's Inn, Robin House Lane, Briercliffe, which closed in 1869. (From a drawing by Malcolm Higgin).

Note: If you have any queries, or comments, about any aspect of the local history of Briercliffe, why not contact Parish Councillor Roger Frost

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## Briercliffe Flower Show A Blooming Success!

What a fantastic turnout for the Annual Briercliffe Flower Show at Haggate Church Hall on 23rd August! The hall was bursting with colour, creativity, and community spirit as residents showcased their finest flowers, vegetables, bakes, and crafts.

A huge thank you to our wonderful organisers and volunteers who made the day run so smoothly. The competition was fierce, and the standard of entries truly impressive. From fragrant roses and vibrant dahlias to delicious pies and jams, every exhibit reflected the talent and dedication of our parish.



Congratulations to all our prize winners! Among the many trophies awarded were (I haven't got room for everyone!)

Dr Lishman Trophy - Best Rose in Show: L. Hinton  
Old Syker Trophy - Best in Show: D. Yates  
Clive Wilson Trophy - Most Points Overall T. Hinton  
Roy Whittaker Memorial Trophy - M. Winstanley  
Eileen Frost Trophy: Confectionery - W. Townson  
Briercliffe Flower Show Cup - Best Preserve: J. Bailey  
Tammy Marlow Memorial Cup: Annuals & Marigolds- J. Greenwood  
Cottam Cup: Beetroot & Chutney - C. Eccles  
Edgar Buck Memorial Trophy - E. Burt  
Mary Greenwood Trophy: Floral Art- B. Thompson  
T Frost Trophy - Children's Section: H. McDevitt

Events like this remind us why Briercliffe is such a special place - full of talent, tradition, and togetherness. Thank you to everyone who entered, attended, and supported the show.

Start planning your gardens, crafts, and bakes now - and watch this space for next years official date and schedule.  
Let's make 2026 the biggest and best yet!



### Allotment Competition Judging

On the 5<sup>th</sup> August my colleague and I dressed in warm, wet proof clothing and met outside the allotment notice board - could this really be August when I was in over-trousers and wellies!

There are some beautiful allotments and what struck us most was the individuality of each one. Whilst so many were growing produce they were also using areas for family, some looking super cosy and others positioned to provide the best views over the hills and valleys.

We were amazed by the use of repurposed items that had been made into tubs, bird hangers, seats, hanging planters and more - so good to see the reuse of items. There was also so many items made by children adding splashes of colour and fun.

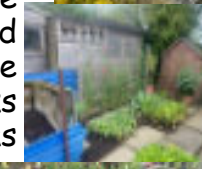
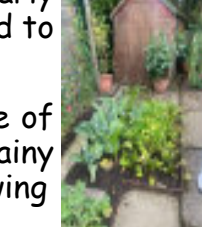
So to the judging - I am not sure we had realised how hard it would be. Categories of Best Veggies, Best Flowers, Best Social Space, Best Innovated Plot and Best Overall, we also decided that we needed a first and second place. We decided, early on, that the allotment did not need to be finished for us to choose it.

We had a ball walking round, some of the photos show the dark, wet, rainy conditions and certainly not showing off the plots best potential.

Our second visit to the allotments was on the 12<sup>th</sup> August and the conditions could not have been more different. A predicted heat of 27 degrees we certainly would not be needing over trousers! We walked round in the sunshine enjoying the newly strimmed paths - thanks Lengthsman Matt! The sun was singing and people were out on the allotments and paths waving and passing the time of day.

We confirmed our choice of winners - a very difficult choice.

Thank you for sharing your allotments and time with us. *The Allotment Judges.*



## Garden Competition Winners



Got something worth sharing with our community? We want to hear from YOU!

Whether it's a charming story, stunning photo, cherished recipe, or even a joke we'd love to feature local creativity in an upcoming Parish Council Newsletter

Send your ideas to: [pippa.lishman@briercliffe-pc.gov.uk](mailto:pippa.lishman@briercliffe-pc.gov.uk) or [clerk@briercliffe-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@briercliffe-pc.gov.uk) or give Pippa a call 07732 446058

Let's celebrate Briercliffe's talents

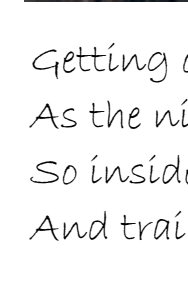
## Noah's Ark



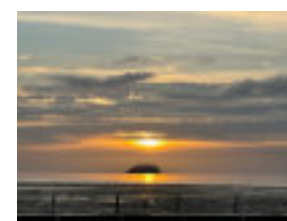
Summer's well and truly gone  
So have the autumn leaves  
So too has our day time length  
As the victim of daylight thieves  
But it ain't all doom and gloom  
As onwards we must forge  
And I've been on mi bike again  
This time up the Cheddar Gorge



Along the coast I also rode  
With the fading suns bright glare  
Enjoying a quiet pint or two  
On the prom at Weston-Super-Mare



Getting out feels harder now  
As the nights get cold and dark  
So inside I have to go  
And train in my Noah's Ark



It's not really an Ark you see  
It's shelter from the winter dip  
It's my very own garden gym  
My massive grey battle ship

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# BRIERCLIFFE COMMUNITY CENTRE UPDATE



The land on which our Community Centre stands has recently been sold, and the library building has been demolished. To secure the Center's future, the

Parish Council has agreed a 25-year lease with the new owner. However, this comes at a substantially increased rent of £5,100 per year, alongside rising utility costs. To keep the Centre open and accessible, we've had to make some adjustments to charges. Our committee is focused on keeping fees as reasonable as possible so that local community groups can continue to use the space.

## This is where YOU come in!

We need your ideas, your energy, and your support to keep the Centre thriving. Here's how you can help:

- Start a group or share a hobby – If you have an interest you'd like to share, get in touch with one of our Booking Agents.

- Check our Facebook page to see what activities are already running and find available dates and times (scan this QR code)



- Book the venue for your next event – Weekends are available for children's and family parties.

We're also exploring ways to raise extra income from the car park and welcome your ideas.

The Community Centre is run by a small committee of five volunteers, and we're passionate about keeping it a vibrant hub for our parish. Together, we can ensure it remains an asset for everyone.

## Your Centre needs YOU – let's make it thrive!

Booking Agent: Christine Stuttard: Tel: 07879 052113  
Deputy Agent: Bobbie Burton: Tel: 07591 802706

Chair: Anne Kelly, Secretary: Rachel Greenwood,  
Committee members: Roger Frost and Susan Meeks

**Join the Centre Management Committee by  
contacting a committee member**



# Allotments & Garages

## Life on the Allotments – Through Young Eyes

Our allotments are more than just rows of vegetables—they're little worlds of adventure, learning, and fun! Recently, we chatted with some of the tenants' children to find out what they love most about spending time on the plots.

Of course, the chickens stole the show. It's clear that these allotments aren't just about growing food—they're about growing memories.

A big thank you to all our tenants for creating such welcoming spaces for families.



"I love feeding the chickens and collecting eggs.

They're so funny when they run around!" said another budding farmer.



Please remember, whether you're popping in to water your plants or check on the hens, don't forget to shut the gate!



**Here's to happy growing and even happier exploring!**

Looking for a garage spot or allotment? – join our waiting list – application forms on the website or contact the Clerk or a Councillor

"I like helping water the plants and picking strawberries—it feels like magic when they grow!" another added



"The worms are the best!" one child told us enthusiastically. Digging in the soil and discovering wriggly friends is a highlight for many young gardeners.

## National Tree Week - Celebrating 50 Years

22nd–30th November marked the UK's biggest annual tree celebration, and we were thrilled to take part!



Thanks to funding from the Lancashire Community Orchard project, we planted 24 fruit trees at Briercliffe Recreation Ground as part of our new Community Orchard initiative.

It was a day full of teamwork, muddy boots, and plenty of laughs. From unloading deliveries to digging holes and spreading bark, everyone pitched in to make this project a success. A huge thank you to all who joined us—your effort and enthusiasm will leave a lasting legacy for our community.



This orchard will provide fresh fruit, support wildlife, and create a beautiful space for future generations.

Here's to growing together and making our parish greener!



## Highlights from the Day

**Hands-on action:** Volunteers digging, staking, and mulching.

**Orchard takes shape:** Rows of young fruit trees across the area.

**Muddy boots, happy hearts:** A true community effort!



## Tree Facts You Might Not Know

- National Tree Week started in 1975 this year marks its 50th anniversary.
- A single mature tree can absorb up to 48 lbs of CO<sub>2</sub> per year.
- Orchards are biodiversity hot-spots, supporting bees, birds, and insects.
- Trees improve mental well-being and help reduce stress.
- Planting trees today means cleaner air and healthier communities tomorrow.





**Remembrance Sunday, 2025** by Roger Frost

This year's Remembrance Sunday services were held at Haggate Baptist Church and the War Memorial Grounds, at the Bowling Green, Haggate, on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> November, 2025. The Church Service was at the invitation of both the Haggate and Lane Bottom churches. Members of the Parish Council attended the Church service, and then onto the public service at the Bowling Green commencing by 11am.



At the church service Cllr Roger Frost MBE, read from Psalm 46. The service was led in Church and at the Memorial by one of the Elders.



People were gathering at the War Memorial Grounds by the time the party from Haggate arrived. So far as I can tell, there were as many people at this year's service as there have ever been. The site of the cenotaph was decorated with appropriate flags & painted pebbles. We were joined by the impressive uniformed children's organisations from St. James Church and our new Vicar.

Of course, as has been the case over the last 80 years, the arrangements are made by the Parish Council. Thanks go to all those involved, especially managing the refreshments, donated by Councillors, and to Joe with his sound system and microphone.



Thanks also to David Redfern for the beautiful photos

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22<sup>nd</sup> January      5<sup>th</sup> March  
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# Briercliffe Memorial Bowling Green

## ALL WELCOME Come and Join us to have a go!

**Bowling, Sunshine, and Community Spirit!** The Briercliffe Bowling Club, in partnership with the Hare & Hounds Pub, hosted their much-loved Annual Bowling Competition—and what a day it was! With generous sponsorship from Lancashire Gas Services and Sencat, the event was set for success from the start. Blessed with fantastic weather, the green was alive with activity as players of all ages joined in the fun. Whether competing for glory or cheering from the sidelines, everyone contributed to the brilliant atmosphere. Spectators lined the edges, enjoying the sunshine, laughter, and a few friendly rivalries. Adding to the charm of the day were the superb gardens being lovingly worked on by volunteers, led by Gwynneth from Blooming Briercliffe Garden Club. These vibrant displays set a stunning backdrop for the competition, and work is continuing to clear the overgrowth along the far banking - transforming the space into something truly amazing. The gardens are becoming a real jewel in the heart of our community.



A huge thank you to the sponsors, volunteers, and everyone who came along to make the day so special. Events like this remind us why community matters - bringing people together for sport, friendship, and plenty of smiles. Let's make next years even bigger and better!



## Paint a Poppy for Remembrance A Growing Tribute of Hope

This November, our community came together for a very special project: Paint a Poppy, an idea brought to life by garden club member Gwynneth. The vision was simple yet powerful - to create a growing display of remembrance and hope, a heartfelt tribute to those we remember.



The project quickly became a true community effort. We were delighted to work together with the Participation Works Youth Change Makers, who brought energy and creativity to the project, working alongside a dementia group to make some masterpiece pebbles.


Many residents across the parish joined in, painting their beautiful creations. Bold reds & delicate details, every poppy tells a story of gratitude and reflection.

The display blossomed into a stunning symbol of unity and respect, reminding us of the sacrifices made and the importance of peace. Thank you to everyone who contributed their time and talent - your efforts show how art brings people together and keep memories alive.




Here's to continuing this tradition and watching our poppy display grow year after year—a living canvas of remembrance and hope.






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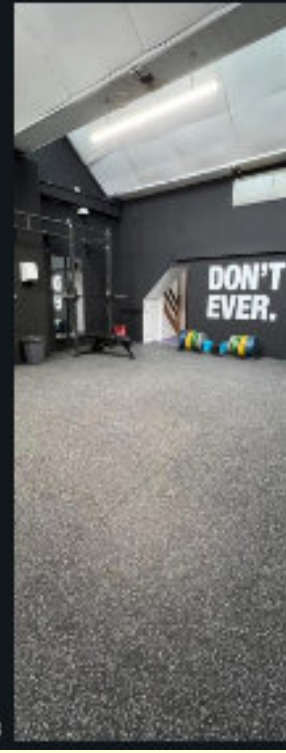
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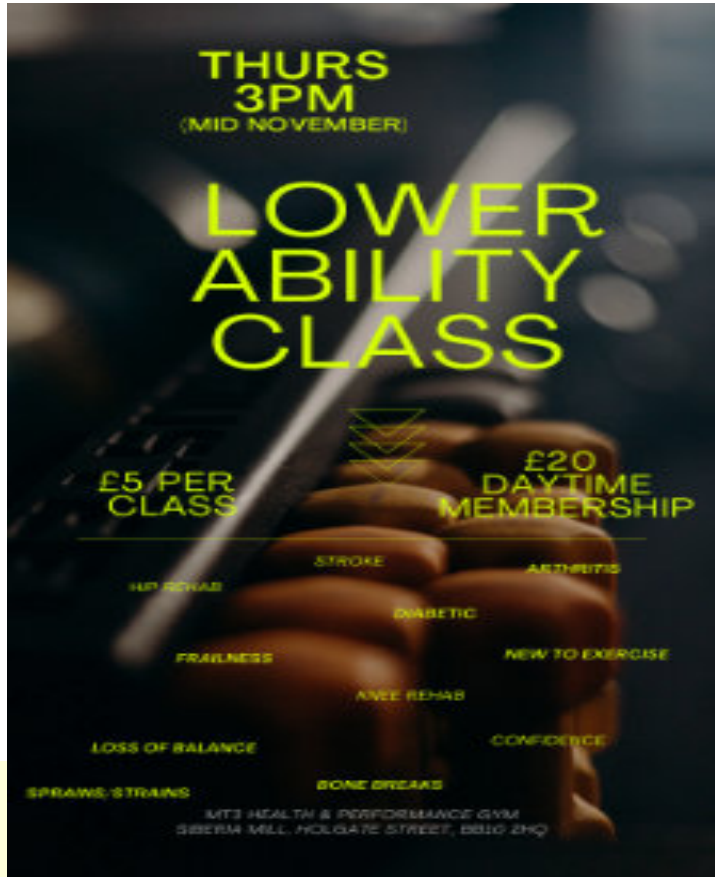
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## 🌸 Together in Burnley:

### Celebrating Our Community 🌸

Burnley is a town built on kindness, resilience, and community spirit. Over the years, our neighbourhoods have grown and changed – welcoming people from different backgrounds, cultures, and walks of life.

This diversity is something to be proud of. It brings new ideas, traditions, and opportunities that enrich our schools, businesses, and everyday lives.

Let's remember: behind every face is a neighbour, a parent, a friend, a volunteer, a worker – someone who cares about Burnley just like you do.

💛 What Unites Us Is Stronger Than What Divides Us

Whether your family has lived here for generations or you've just arrived, you're part of what makes Briercliffe and Burnley special. Let's keep building a town where everyone feels safe, valued, and welcome.

Join us in celebrating community, kindness, and connection.

## Christmas shortbread



Very easy to make, so perfect for the children or to give to friends and family as DIY foodie Christmas gifts.

### What to do

- Beat together the sugar and butter in a large bowl until pale and fluffy.  
- Stir in half the flour until combined then add the remaining flour and use your hands to bring it together.

- Add the orange and chocolate fillings and use your hands to bring the dough into a rough ball.

- Roll the dough into a fat sausage, roughly 5cm/2in in diameter. Wrap tightly in cling film and refrigerate for at least 1 hour or until solid.

- Preheat the oven to 200C/180C Fan/Gas 6 and line a baking tray with baking paper.

- Unwrap the cling film and slice the sausage into 14 rounds, roughly 2cm wide. Place onto the lined tray and cook for 15–20 minutes or until the edges are beginning to brown but the tops have no colour.

- Leave to cool slightly and enjoy. These will keep well for at least 1 week in a sealed container, but the fresher they are the better.

### What you need

100g/3½oz caster sugar  
200g/7oz butter, softened  
300g/10½oz plain flour  
50g/1¾oz chocolate chopped into small pieces  
½ orange, grated zest only

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday monthly 11am – 2pm



Why not join us - the 1st Sunday every month. Litter-picking is an easy and fun way to get active, improve your well-being, and take care of the environment on your doorstep. Meet new people, and old friends - there is always a brew, juice, biscuits and sweets on hand for everyone helping out. We often have dog treats too if you litter-pick whilst walking the dog.

Meet at Harrison St, Allotment office for the equipment & refreshments, anytime between 11am and 2pm, whether you can spare 10minutes, ½ hour or join us for longer - everyone is welcome! You might have noticed that your street could benefit from a clean up, or maybe a local 'grot spot' could do with some love and attention - Let us know, you can concentrate where ever is needed, or get the whole gang along to focus on a bigger issue.

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**Tuck in at Suzie's**  
BRIERCLIFFE

138 Burnley Rd  
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**Ask for our Daily Specials**

Breakfast +Extras!

Jacket Potatoes

Cold and Hot Sandwiches Salad Boxes  
Home-made Cheese & Onion Pie Chips  
Selection of Moorings Pies  
If its not on the Menu just ask!

## EXCITING NEWS!

Now also staying open  
with a tea time  
menu Thursdays till 6.30pm

**Opening Times**  
Mon, Tue, Wed & Fri  
7.30am - 2.00pm  
Thurs 7.30am-6.30pm  
Saturday 7.30am - 1.30pm

**Finger Buffet Menu available** - Standard £7.50pp - Premium £8.50pp  
Choose Sandwiches, then add (4 items from) Pork pies, Sausage Rolls, Veg Samosas/ Spring Rolls, Home-made Quiche, Pizza Portions, Breaded Chicken Goujons, Traditional Party Delights on sticks, comes with Fresh Salad, Home-made Coleslaw and a selection of crisps. ADD Cakes for an extra £1 p.p

All buffets can be tailored to individual requirements  
Please ask for Suzie or Joanne

Michael Greenwood

## Servicing & Repairs

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**From all of us at  
The Hare and Hounds, Haggate  
may we wish you a  
wonderful Christmas**

**FOLLOW US @hareandhoundshaggate**

**Have you seen the Playground name plaques around Briercliffe?**  
Lane Bottom Mill Park has a new name plate and King George VI playfield sign has been revamped. Sanded down and hand painted to bring back to life

## Want to advertise here?

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# PLAN AHEAD TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE



8TH-9TH JANUARY 2026

Halifax Road, Briercliffe  
TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE



Part of Halifax Road is to be closed to traffic on **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> and Friday 9<sup>th</sup> January, 2026.**

This closure is necessary to allow Telecom pole maintenance work to be carried out in the area by Dutton Traffic Management Services.

The length of Halifax Road to be closed is "from its junction with Robin House Lane to its boundary with Herd House Farm".

Vehicular access for residents will be maintained whenever & wherever possible. Pedestrian access will be maintained at all times.

**Alternative routes** for traffic will be available via Robin House Lane, Southfield Lane, Back Lane to Halifax Road and vice versa.

## Keeping Briercliffe Safe Together



### Community Policing Update from Our Briercliffe PCSO

Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) are a vital part of our local policing team, working closely with residents to address low-level crime, anti-social behaviour (ASB), and other community concerns.

Our dedicated PCSO, Jody, shares an update on recent policing activity in Briercliffe at every Parish Council meeting & discusses how we all play a part in keeping our neighbourhood safe and welcoming

**Visible Presence and Community Engagement** - One of Jody's key priorities is maintaining a visible presence on our streets. Regular foot patrols allow her to connect directly with residents and businesses, listen to concerns, and respond to the issues that matter most.

#### Recent Focus Areas:

- **Anti-Social Behaviour:** Jody has been patrolling known hot-spot areas to deter ASB and is working proactively with young people to prevent problems from escalating.
- **Speeding and Parking:** Following feedback from residents, targeted patrols have been carried out around local schools to address speeding and inconsiderate parking.

**Community intelligence is essential.** If you notice something unusual or concerning - no matter how small - please report it. Every piece of information helps build a clearer picture ensuring police resources are directed where they're most needed.

Jody is committed to serving our community and addressing your concerns. You'll often see her out and about—please don't hesitate to stop for a chat!

**PCSO Jody** Police Community Support Officer for Briercliffe  
Lancashire Constabulary

Briercliffe Parish Council has been informed, by Lancashire County Council, who have issued notices regarding road closures and diversions

5th-23rd JANUARY 2026

Todmorden Rd, Briercliffe  
TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE

Todmorden Road, Briercliffe, will be closed to through traffic from **Monday 5th January 2026 until Friday 23rd January 2026**, or until works are completed.

This closure is required to allow excavation of the carriage- way to replace water mains, carried out by Network Plus on behalf of United Utilities.

Affected section: From Cockden Barn to Pollards Barn.

- Pedestrian access will always be maintained.

Whenever possible

- Access for emergency services will be maintained

- vehicular access for residents will be maintained wherever possible.

**Alternative route** for traffic: Burnley Rd→ Briercliffe Rd→ Eastern Avenue→ Queen's Park Rd → Ridge Avenue→ Brunshaw Road→ Brownside Road→ and vice versa



#### How to Report:

•**Online:** Report non-urgent incidents via the Lancashire Police website.

•**By Phone:** Call **101** for non-emergencies or to speak to an officer.

•**In Emergencies:** Always dial **999** if a crime is in progress or there is an immediate threat to life.

•**Speeding Cars** online - [www.lancsroadsafety.co.uk](http://www.lancsroadsafety.co.uk)