

MINUTES OF THE BISHOP MONKTON ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY 14TH MAY 2025 IN THE BISHOP MONKTON VILLAGE HALL

COMMENCED AT 19.00 HOURS
CONCLUDED AT 20.48 HOURS

1. Dean Culshaw – Chairman of the Parish Council.

- The chair introduced himself and explained the reason why an Annual Parish Meeting is called.
- Copy of the Chairmans Report is attached.

2. Phil Goodier – Chairman of the Village Hall and Playing Fields Committee.

- Thanks were given to Mr and Mrs Shervington for the dedication they have given to the Village Hall and Playing Fields Committee. Thanks were also given to Martin Minnett for his contribution to table tennis.
- Copy of the Chairmans Report is attached

3. Paul on behalf of BMAG.

- Pressure group began 5/6 years ago to ensure any large planning developments are suitable for the village.
- Past – Church Farm Approved – went to Inspector due to knocking down of removing historic hedge and whether drainage facilities were suitable in the village. It is only the responsibility of the village to demonstrate that the drainage facilities are not suitable. This is the burden of proof required. YW approved Church Farm on basis that sewage and water was close to capacity but there was still capacity to take the development. Alec Shelbrooke asked what the actual capacity is if it is close to capacity. The sewage works are pumping raw sewage 4 hours a day into the river Ure.
- Present is Avant application. This is currently with the planning committee but they haven't yet finished discussions with all the local consultees.
- Future – NY local plan. Call for sites. The issue previously was that the village didn't challenge the local plan. It is intended that this will not happen this time. BMAG had 6 members but are currently down to 3. It evolved originally because the PC was under strength. This may need to be reviewed.

4. Kenneth Barker on Flood Wardens.

- BM flood action group after the 2000 October beck overflows. Principle aim is to prevent further properties flooding in the village. During past 12 months there has been a number of meetings. There is an annual beck clearance to help prevent flooding. The group is supported by the environment agency. There is a flood warning for properties by the bridge opposite the pub.

5. Emma From Ousewem (Natural England)

- This is a 5 year project funded by Defra. They are trying to understand surface water run off. Study includes rivers Swale, Ouse and Nidd.
- Springfield House – this is so straight and there is nothing in that chanel so the water can rush down. The thought is to push the water onto his land, planting lots of trees to absorb the water. A lot of their work is trying to hold the water before it gets to the land.

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- There are a lot of organisations involved. City of York hold the funds for the project and then distribute to the parties.
- Copy of the presentation attached.

6. Sue Edmund – Community First Responders.

- Volunteers associated with Yorkshire Ambulance Service. Trained to support them in emergency calls. When a 999 call is received a call is made to the first responder. There are only 3 first responders in the area. They attend areas within a 10 minute radius. 1500 hours of service has been provided over the last year. 35 incidents in the village area.
- Copy of the presentation attached.

7. Sue Edmund – Bowls Club

- Bowls club been there since 2003. Numbers have dropped significantly in recent times. They are in two different leagues and also play friendlies. Actively seeking new members. Open sessions are available to attend and join in if required.

8. Colin Philpott – History Group

- History group is £12.5 per year membership. It maintains the Bishop Monkton Today History website. Organises talks and visits to areas of historical interest. Also undertake research into the history of the village. In last 12 months have undertaken study of the local school and the mechanics institute. First a film presented by children of the school re the history of the village. Friday is Victorian theme day when film will be shown again, mainly for parent of school. Monday for hog roast and exhibition detailing the history of the school from circa 1900 to present day. A book called Best Years of our Lives is available to purchase. Covers all stuff in this narrative. Cost is £10. Further talks planned to be delivered throughout the year.
- Website is going to continue. Began about 20 years ago. Founder had to give up due to ill health in 2024. People have come forwards to keep it running. Glenda Hunter has agreed to become the editor now Colin has stepped down.

9 Jonathon Pimnley - Tennis and Pickle Ball Clubs

Both Clubs are alive and well. They play Mon/Wed/Fri. Easy to play and no fitness required. All welcome to come along.

10 Kate Fenwick President to the WI.

Following covid the membership dropped dramatically to around 13 members. Fortunately some new, younger members joined and numbers are now around 48. They have been in Bishop Monkton for 98 years as of May 2025. Looking to do a centenary celebration in two years time. Meet first Wednesday of the month at 7.30 in village hall.

PUBLIC SESSION

- Can anything be done about cutting back the hedge at the corner of the crossroads.
- Mains Lane another dog poo bin????? And end of Boroughbridge Road.
- Does the village hall have CCTV cameras.

Parish Meeting 2025

Village Hall & Playing Fields

Things to cover:

1. How's it going?
2. BBC / Strike Productions
3. Village Hall Survey

How's it going?

- Early 2025 dominated by BBC / Strike Productions
- Very positive cash position - >£70k balance after the purchase of a new mower
- Balanced day to day budgets
- Cost increases (energy, water, consumables) absorbed and not passed on to users in 2025

But all is not rosy – we need to think about some future challenges:

- Financial position is only possible due to the amazing dedication of a small team of volunteers
- Some of our previous “anchor” societies, around which the facility was designed, have disappeared : BMEG, Adult Cricket, Village Football
- Some of these facilities take up a lot of space, are expensive to maintain and are not being used

BBC / Strike Productions

- Thank you to all clubs and societies who were impacted – especially table tennis – for your support, understanding and flexibility
- With the exception of table tennis, most activities have continued largely as normal, with support from the Methodist Church
- Significant financial benefit to the hall (> £21,000) and perhaps just as importantly the wider community (accommodation, pub etc.)
- Financial “trickle down” – the VH has paid the costs of relocation where needed
- Viewed as a huge success by the Strike team – they may ask to come back!
- Early BBC feedback on “rough cut” edit is really positive
- Plenty of “mission creep” compared with what we expected.... We will learn from this
- Thank you for the support from our volunteers, Harvest View, clubs and societies!



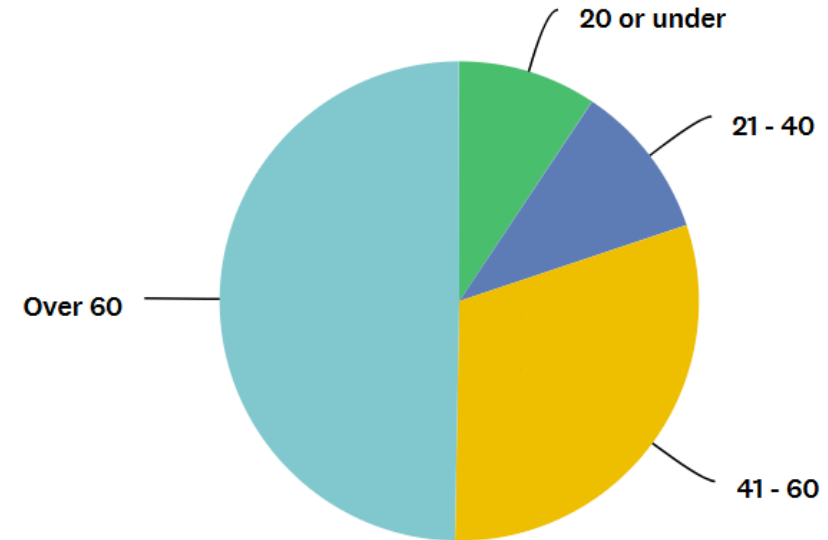
Bishop Monkton Village Hall & Playing Fields

2025 Survey of Residents

Age Profile

Please let us know your approximate age

Answered: 171 Skipped: 1



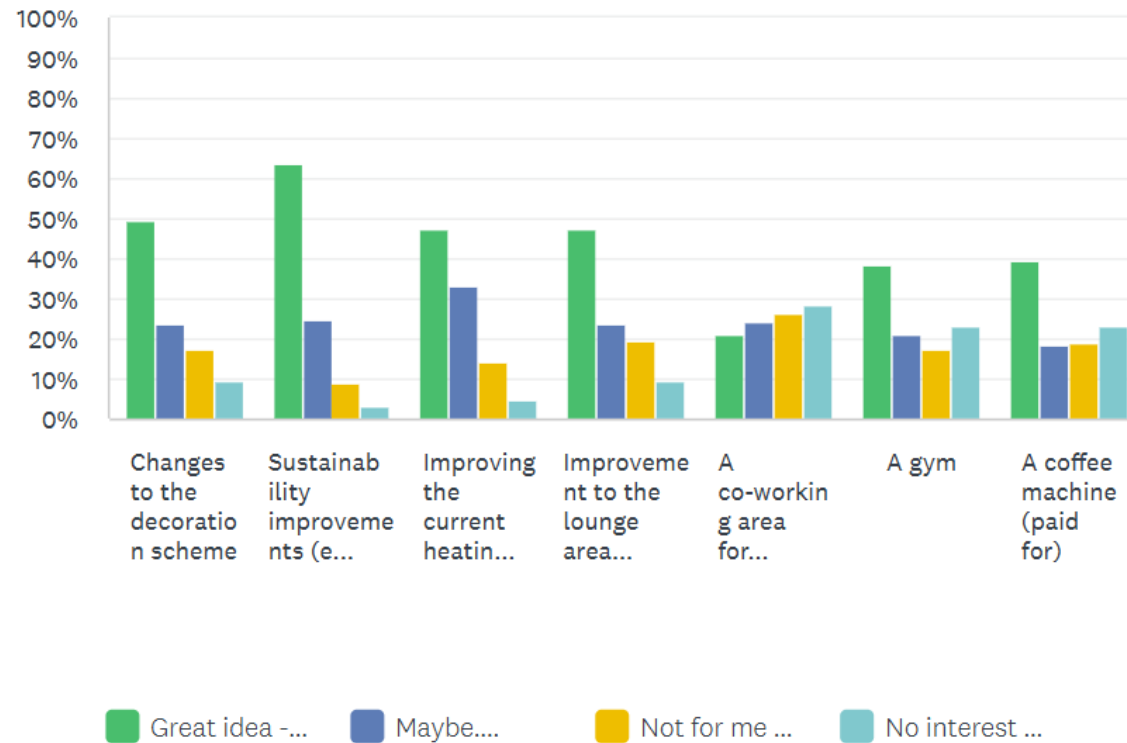
We had 171 respondents, 94% were from the village.

The profile is skewed heavily to older people – **leading to a concern that the views of younger people may be under-represented.**

Or does this just reflect the demographics of our village?

Thinking about the inside of the Village Hall, what improvements would you like to see (please score each item - if it doesn't interest you at all please make this clear)

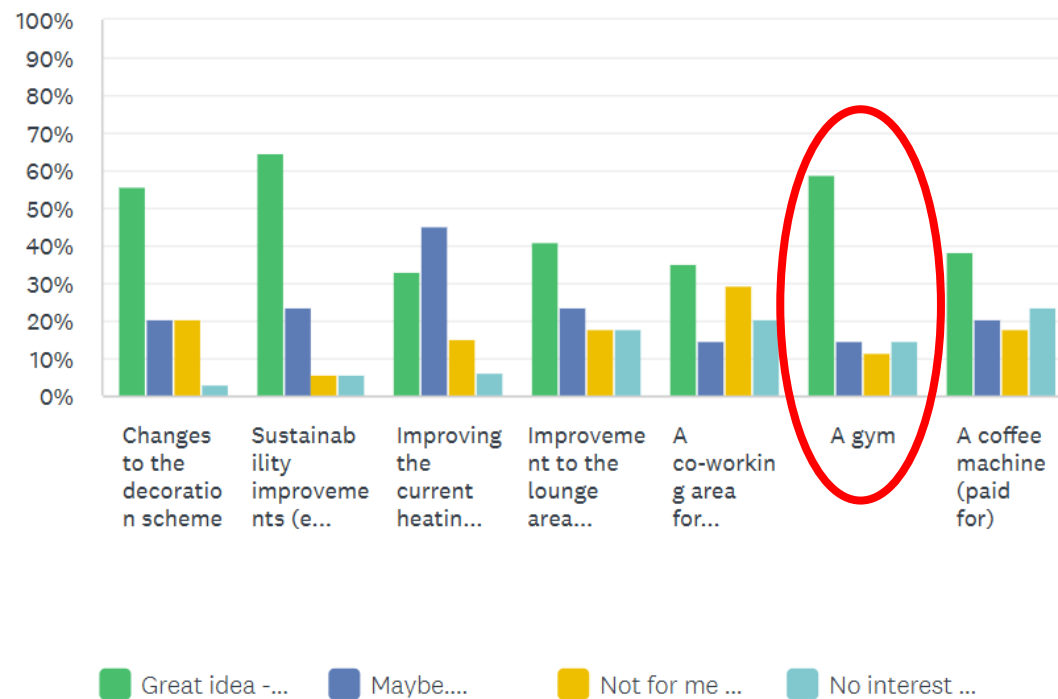
Answered: 172 Skipped: 0



Sustainability, heating, lounge and decoration improvements are popular. A co-working area, gym and coffee machine are not.

Thinking about the inside of the Village Hall, what improvements would you like to see (please score each item - if it doesn't interest you at all please make this clear)

Answered: 34 Skipped: 0



Under 40's only

A gym is much more popular amongst under 40's only.

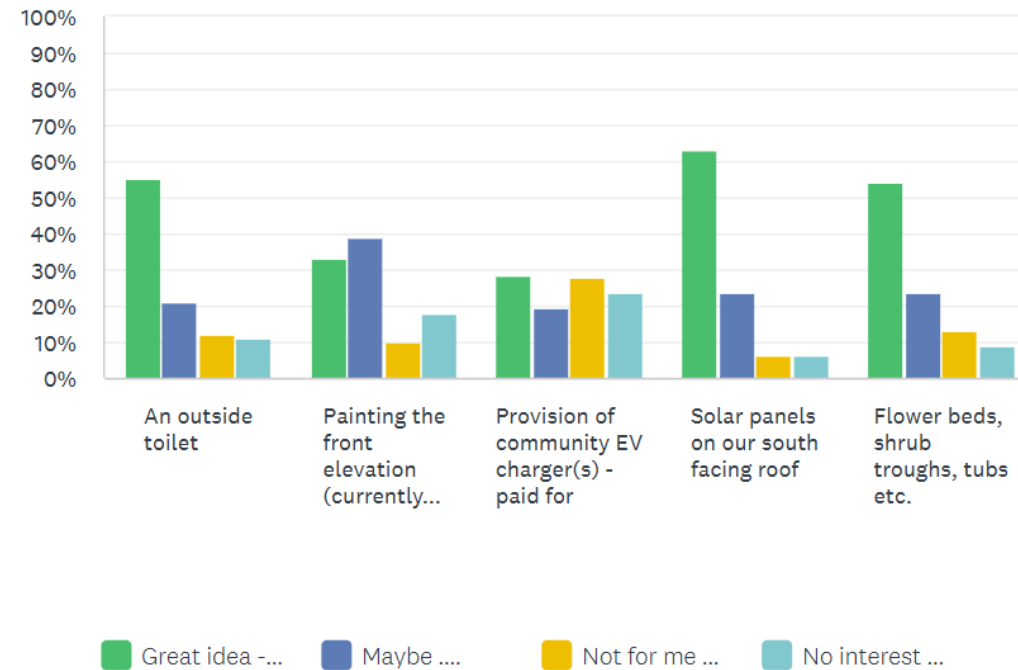
A co-working area and coffee machine score lowest in both cases – and are tricky to manage / maintain too.

Written comments – inside of the hall

- **Keep the BBC colour scheme (lots of comments)**
- **Replace curtains (dated) with blinds (lots of comments)**
- **A shop / post office (lots of comments)**
- Pool table
- Bar
- Water cooler
- Better Wi-Fi (??)
- Make use of the area behind the stage
- Heating is noisy
- Instant water heating
- Festoon lighting for parties
- Refurbished toilets

Now thinking about the outside of the Village Hall, what improvements would you like to see (please rank those which interest you most at the top and select "N/A" if you have no interest in the item)

Answered: 172 Skipped: 0



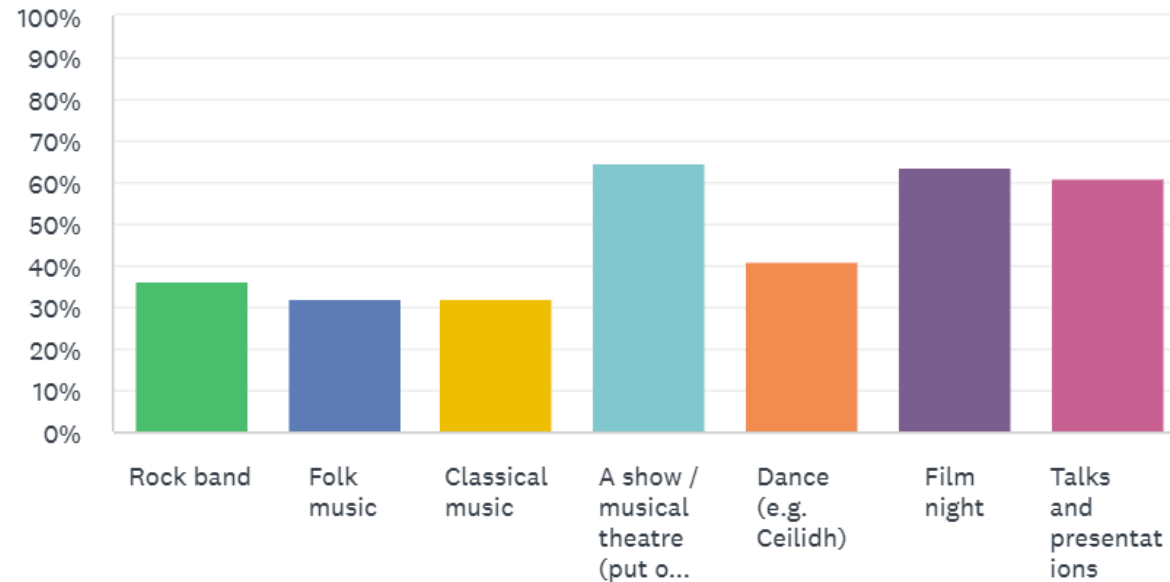
Solar panels and an outside toilet very popular. A written comment suggests baby changing facilities in the outside toilet – good idea. Flower beds (etc.) also popular – but who would maintain them? Low interest in EV charger(s).

Written comments – outside the hall

- **Don't do things which increase the maintenance burden – we rely on volunteers**
- **Waterproof notice board like the ones in the village**
- **Picket fence on veranda**
- **Skate park**
- Picnic tables / chairs
- Better outside lighting
- Rubbish bin (public)
- Welcome sign
- Bird boxes, bug boxes
- CCTV
- Wheelchair / pushchair access from front of hall to playing field
- Improve the appearance of the elevation from the car park

Would you have an interest in any of the events below at the Village Hall involving performances even if there is an element of financial risk to the Hall due to the cost of booking? (Please only select if it is highly likely you would attend)

Answered: 137 Skipped: 35

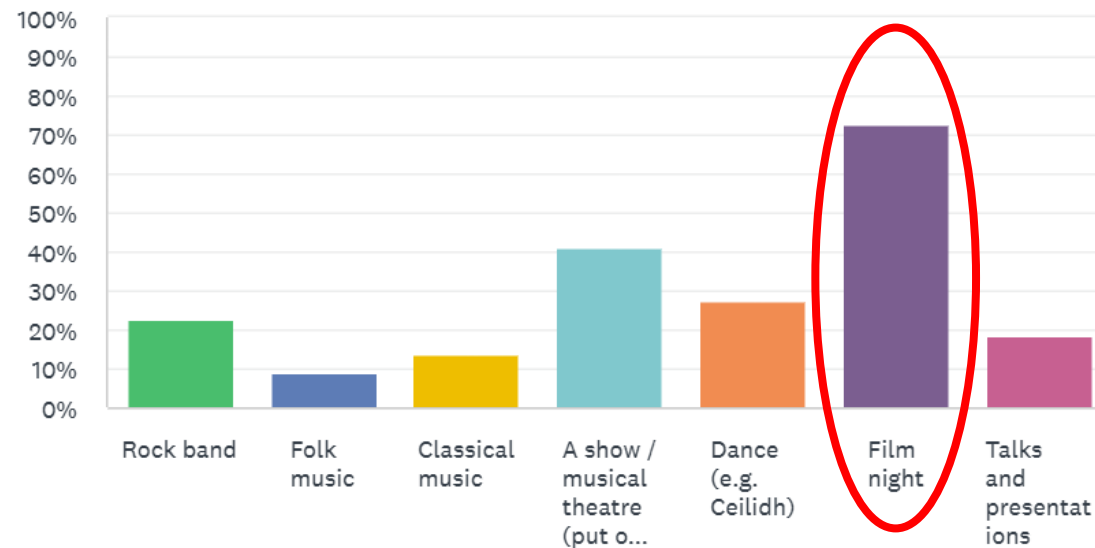


Events at the village hall would be popular – especially shows, dances, film nights and talks.

But arranging these isn't really the remit of the Village Hall Committee at present – the survey gives a good idea of what people want if someone wanted to take this on.

Would you have an interest in any of the events below at the Village Hall involving performances even if there is an element of financial risk to the Hall due to the cost of booking? (Please only select if it is highly likely you would attend)

Answered: 22 Skipped: 12

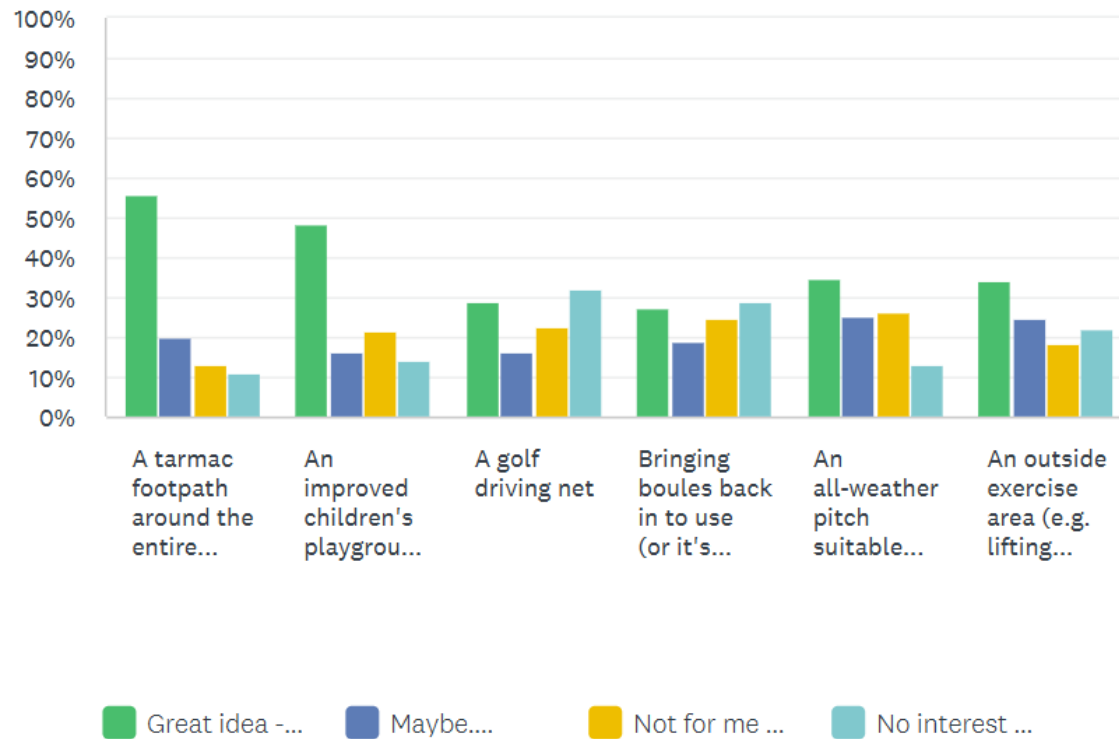


Under
40's
only

The answers are very different for under 40's – with little interest for most items apart from Film Nights

Now thinking about the playing fields and outside areas, what new facilities would you like to see? (please rank and select "N/A" if you have no interest)

Answered: 171 Skipped: 1



A tarmac footpath and improved playground have high levels of support
Lower and broadly similar support for golf (some people thought this was a range!),
boules, all weather pitch and an outside “agility area”

Now thinking about the playing fields and outside areas, what new facilities would you like to see? (please rank and select "N/A" if you have no interest)

Answered: 33 Skipped: 1



Under
40's
only

Under 40's give a very different answer – with substantially more support for the improved playground, golf and all-weather pitch. The footpath is universally popular.

Written comments – playing fields

- **Path is a great idea – safe area for kids to ride scooters and bikes.**
- **Something for older children / teens – they have nothing in the village (many comments)**
- **Put benches alongside the path**
- **Skate park (many comments)**
- **Zip wire**
- **A larger play area**
- Don't change playground. Definitely no zip wire (1)
- Nature enhancing facilities (bird boxes)
- Community vegetable garden
- Permanent, improved cricket nets
- Boules has not been looked after / Boules is a white elephant (1) / Longer Boules lanes
- Netball court / lines
- Wind screening around tennis courts
- Golf pitching area / bunker
- Padel court
- Floodlights for tennis / MUGA

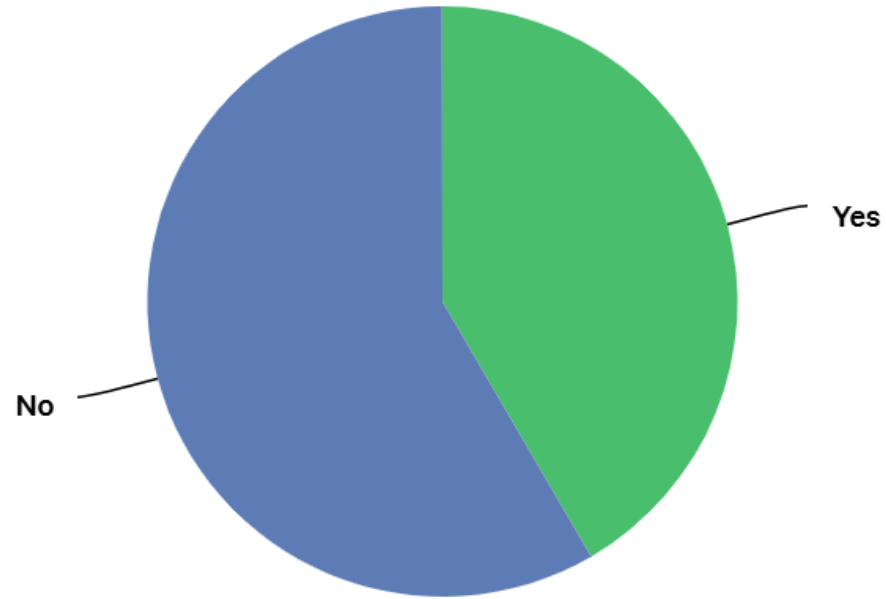
Other Ideas (General)

- More disabled parking spaces
- Entrance to the field from Hungate – it's too cut off right now
- Shop / community café
- Stage area / behind is not used – could create space for shop / gym
- Electrical power to south perimeter for maintenance
- All weather pitches are a good source of revenue
- Concerns of “mischief” / “loitering” from older children if we put facilities in
- Clear fence on balcony
- Hedging around croquet

- Thank you to volunteers

Would you be happy to help implement some of the changes (please leave your name above if "yes")

Answered: 125 Skipped: 47



BISHOP MONKTON COMMUNITY FIRST RESPONDERS

The Bishop Monkton Community First Responder Scheme (CFRs) is a voluntary partnership with the Yorkshire Ambulance Service (YAS). As authorised volunteers CFRs work as part of a dedicated team linked to the NHS 999 emergency service. The first 15 minutes of many medical emergencies such as a Cardiac Arrest, Heart Attack or Stroke is the vital time when basic life support skills can be used which can double or triple the chances of patient survival.

We are not knowingly sent to dangerous situations and receive full support from YAS whilst at the emergency.

Volunteers are trained by YAS and carry equipment such as a defibrillator, oxygen and within the past few months blood sugar monitoring equipment. We join Burton Leonard and Ripon schemes for a training session every 2 months.

Individuals can choose the hours they want to fit in with their own lifestyle availability and convenience.

WE NEED MORE RECRUITS; “With additional help we could save a life.”

We are a small group at present but with more people more hours could be covered in the village each week.

You must be over 18 years old; have your own vehicle and hold a full driving licence. We have provided 1500 hrs cover and attended 35 incidents in the last 12 months. There has been between 3 and 10 emergencies in Bishop Monkton every month.

For more information please contact;

Jonathan Beer ; Tel; 07766355314 (Village)

Linda Milsom; linda.milsom @nhs.net (NHS Community Defibrillation Trainer)

www.yas.nhs.uk/get-involved/volunteer-with-us/community-firstresponders

BISHOP MONKTON BOWLING CLUB

The club was formed in 2003. At its peak there was over 70 members, but currently it has 43, resulting in us having to withdraw from the Dalesmen league, but is continuing to participate in Harrogate Ladies League (2 teams) and Bateson League (mixed)

We play at all levels with members being able to decide at what level they wish to play ie social bowling or compete at local or county level.

The club welcomes new members (one free trial) and visitors who may pay £5/session up to a maximum of 4 games.

Anyone interested can pop along to the green and watch matches. Some of our senior villagers enjoy watching the bowling whilst out exercising.

For more information <https://www.bishopmonktonbowlingclub.co.uk>



Rising Waters | Rooted Solutions

Bishop Monkton Parish Council meeting May 2025



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Ousewem is a flood resilience project, identifying and delivering nature-based solutions (NbS) and natural flood management (NFM) to reduce flood risk in vulnerable North Yorkshire communities, spanning the Swale, Ure, Nidd and Ouse (SUNO) catchments.

This project is funded by Defra as part of the £200 million Flood and Coastal Innovation Programme which is managed by the Environment Agency. The programme will drive innovation in flood and coastal resilience and adaptation to a changing climate.

NFM will be delivered by Yorkshire Dales Rivers Trust with support from a wide range of other partners including Nidderdale National Landscapes, Yorkshire Dales National Park and Natural England.

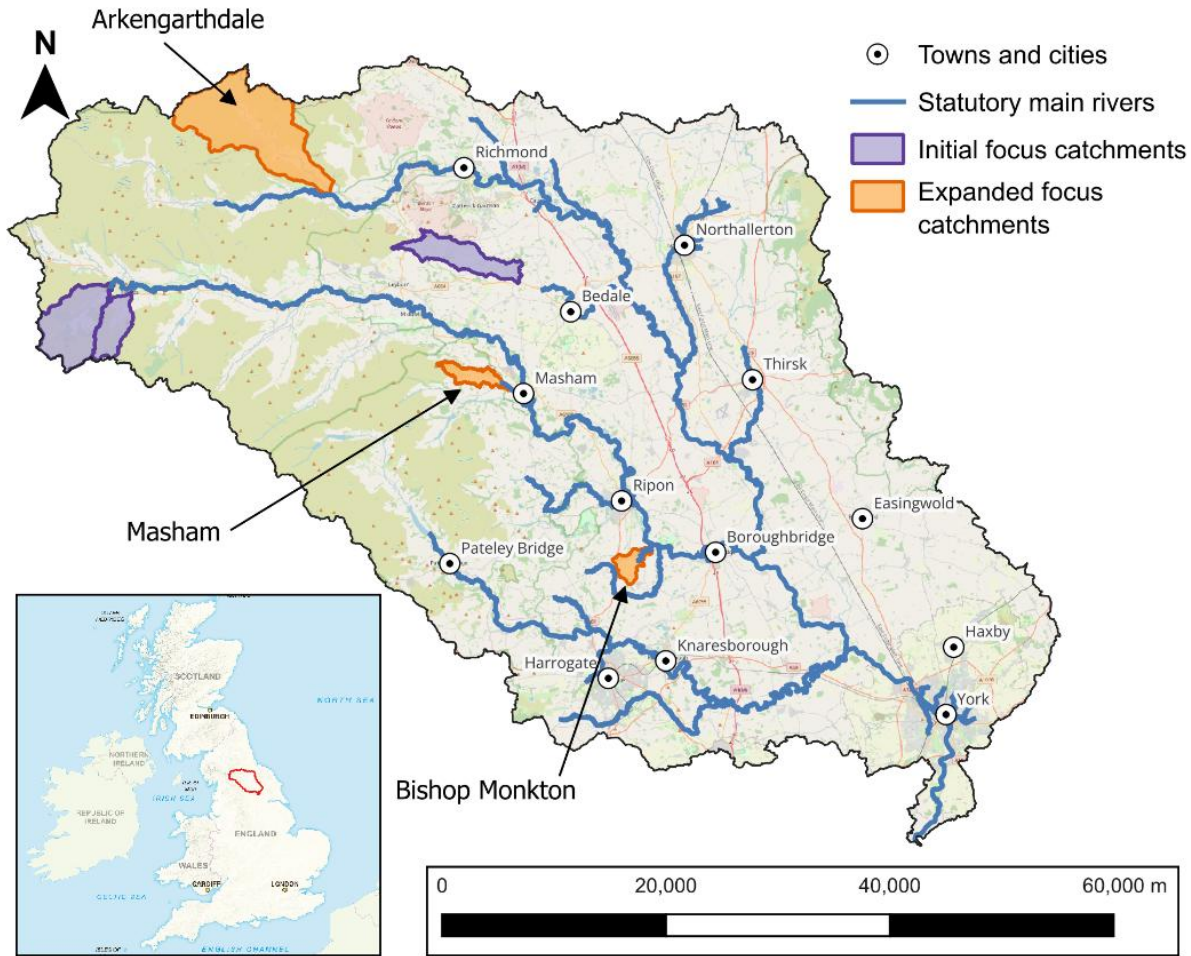
Project aims and objectives

- **Better understand** how changes in the catchment could affect flood risk downstream
- **Show** how NFM can help manage flood risk locally
- **Explore** NFM benefits and funding opportunities
- **Build capacity** and establish a future **legacy** of natural flood management in the catchment

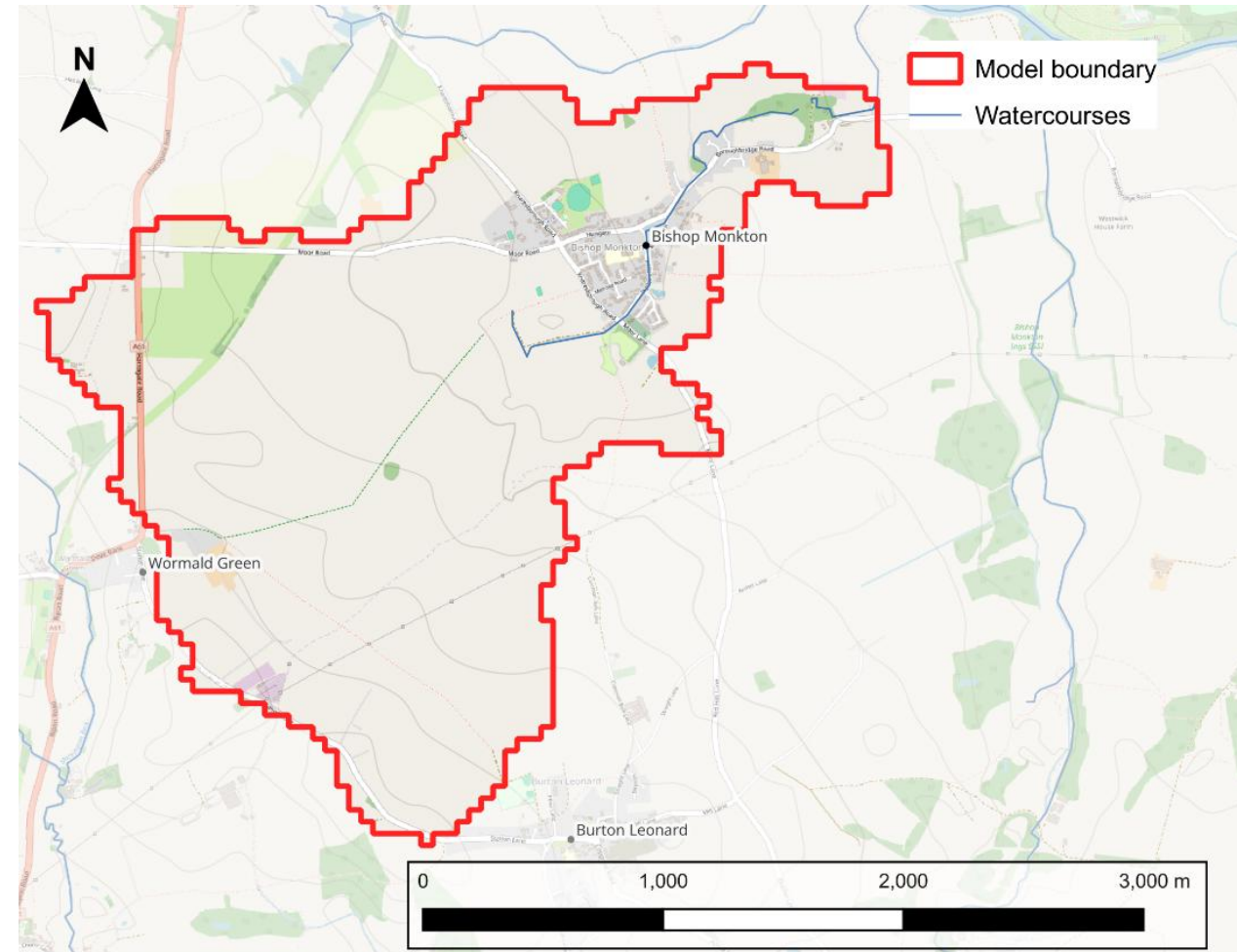




All Ousewem focus areas



Bishop Monkton focus area





Examples of what we can fund

Ousewem funds **100% of project costs**. No costs are passed on to the landowner.

We will cover the complete cost of any project we undertake, this includes all necessary licenses, surveys, capital costs and unexpected contingencies.

NFM interventions

- Leaky barriers and woody deflectors
- Scrapes (shallow temporary ponds)
- Ponds
- River restoration
- Riverbank erosion
- Buffer strips and bunds

Trees and hedges

- Riparian (riverbank) tree planting
- Catchment tree planting
- Cross-slope hedgerows
- Scrub and carr planting

Infrastructure

(where it protects the installed features)

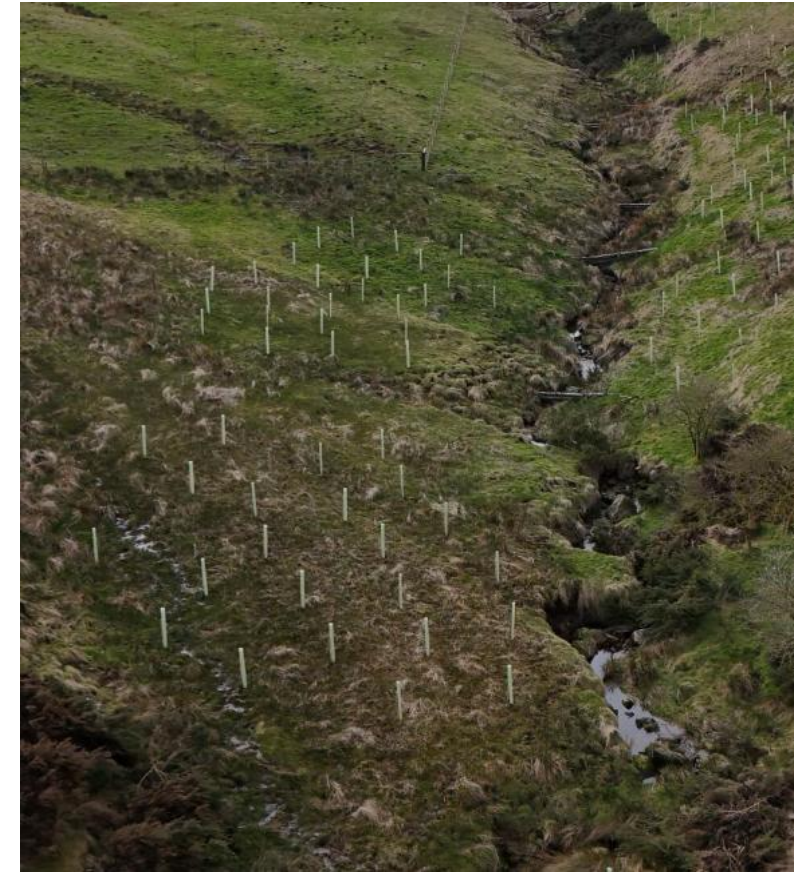
- Fencing
- Gates and access stiles
- Livestock drinking troughs
- Cross track drainage

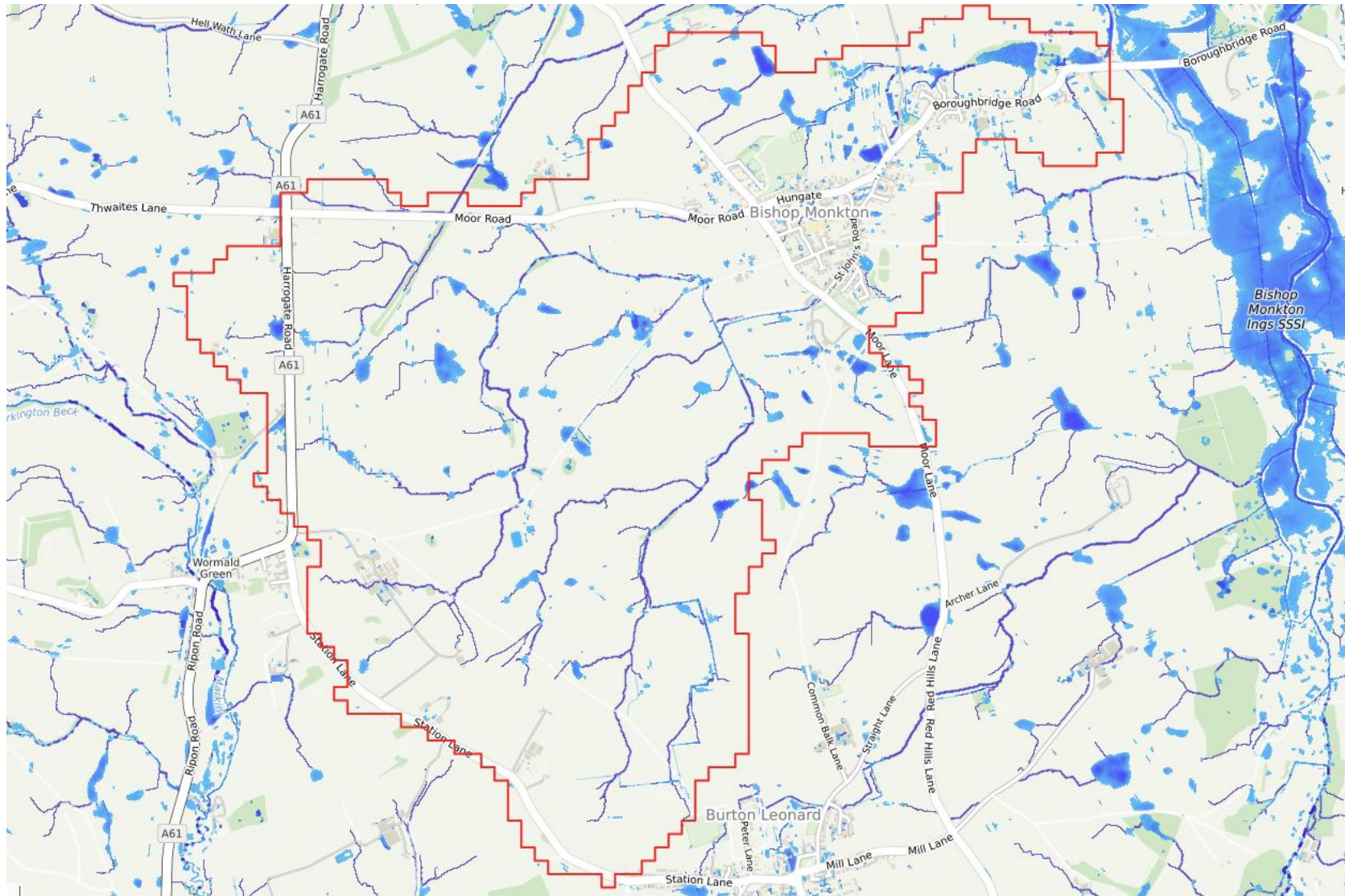
Each Ousewem project is **bespoke and tailored** to the individual landscape in collaboration with landowner.

Contact the team for more info on types of NFM and infrastructure available!



Examples of interventions





25mm rainfall in the Bishop Monkton focus area.

Surface water pathways into Bishop Monkton beck.

Scalgo





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