

READ PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

WINTER 2025

Councillors: Richard Hanson (Chair); Sally McKelvey (Vice Chair)

Bob Anderson, Sian Greenhough, Marie Hacking, Alex Hanson, Steve Neary, Clifton Pollard

Parish Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer: Dr. Anna Haines (clerk@read-pc.gov.uk)

Read Parish Council (RPC) meetings are held in Read & Simonstone Village Hall, 6 East View, Read, BB12 7PS and start at 7pm.

Residents are welcome to attend and speak on relevant matters.

Agendas are posted on the Parish Council Notice Boards on Straits Lane and Jubilee Street, on our new Facebook page (scan QR code) and our brand-new RPC website - www.read-pc.gov.uk



Dates of forthcoming meetings: 7th January, 4th February, 4th March, 6th May (Annual Parish Council Meeting & Annual Parish Meeting) & 3rd July 2026.

CHRISTMAS 2026

By the time this newsletter reaches you our annual Christmas Light Switch On and Senior Citizens (70 years and Over) Christmas Meal at the Higher Trapp will have passed, although I hope many of you managed to attend these wonderful events. Read Parish Council have invested in brand new Wrap Around Christmas Lights this year along Whalley Road, as well as a new lighting display around the Christmas Tree in Church Street Gardens.



PLAYGROUND AND CAR PARK UPGRADES

Over the past year, courtesy of a generous donation from the late Mr Joe Summersgill, we have completely resurfaced the car park by the village playground and the lane leading down through the allotment gardens. A surveillance-system has also been installed for added security.

The playground itself has undergone extensive redevelopment in 2025, with the installation of a new basketball hoop, a roundabout an interactive play wall and a bike storage area. The playground surface has been relevelled with a new pathway added, making the facility much more pram- and wheelchair-accessible.

We hope these facilities will bring much enjoyment to all for years to come!



READ ALLOTMENT GARDENS

A message from allotment manager Steve Neary

"The allotment site has taken on a makeover recently. Due to long serving tenants relinquishing their allotments, I have been able to create 8 more smaller plots. These, added to the few vacancies we already had, have allowed us to reduce our waiting list and welcome ten new tenants who are now excitedly starting their allotment journey!"

We are currently in the process of removing dead and overgrown trees from the site. This will be a rolling exercise and will make the area safer for tenants, whilst giving more space and light to the relevant plot areas. Please be patient whilst this work is ongoing".

Should you wish to be put on the allotment garden waiting list please contact Steve Neary at neary7pe@btinternet.com

READ IN BLOOM 2026

Next year we are looking to bring some colour to the village through our exciting new 'Read in Bloom' Project. Permission has been sought to place planters at various locations along Whalley Road as well as the wider parish.

If you would like to contribute to our bold new venture by volunteering to water one of the planters, please contact Steve Neary or Anna Haines at clerk@read-pc.gov.uk.



OVERGROWN HEDGES, BUSHES AND TREES

Please use the coming months to trim back any parts of your garden that are growing out across pavements, paths and other public areas.

This is to aid pedestrian access and ensure motorists can view oncoming traffic, especially when joining the main road.

