



# The Community Hub

## We are still here!

Although Wilsden Village Hall is currently closed for our usual groups, classes and room hire, we are still here to support the village during this difficult time.

If you need any advice or support, please contact us using these details and we will do our best to help you in any way we can.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back to the hall in the future and in the meantime please take care and stay safe.

## Our Contact Details

Tel: 01535 272 786

Email: [wvh@btconnect.com](mailto:wvh@btconnect.com)

Website: [www.wilsdenvillagehall.co.uk](http://www.wilsdenvillagehall.co.uk)

Facebook Page:

[www.facebook.com/wilsdenvillagehall.co.uk](https://www.facebook.com/wilsdenvillagehall.co.uk)

Twitter page:

[www.twitter.com/wilsdenhall.co.uk](https://www.twitter.com/wilsdenhall.co.uk)

## Useful / Emergency Contacts

For people needing non-medical help or support: 01274 431 000

For all Bradford Council information: [www.bradford.gov.uk](http://www.bradford.gov.uk) or 01274 432111

Police, Fire, Ambulance: 101

Life-threatening emergency only: 999

Adult social care, if concerned about care package: 01274 435400

Adult social care out of hours: 01274 431010

Business support - [www.investinbradford.com](http://www.investinbradford.com) or 01274 437722.

Children's social care: 01274 435600 and Children's out of hours: 01274 431010

Childline: 0800 1111

Domestic abuse: 0808 2800 999 and Out of hours: 0808 2000 247

Hate crime reporting: 08001 691664

Mental wellbeing crisis support: [www.bdct.nhs.uk/services/firstresponse](http://www.bdct.nhs.uk/services/firstresponse)

## \* Useful Contacts Continued.

### Mental Health Support—Bradford Council

We understand business people and staff have faced unprecedented uncertainty, pressure and worry recently.

As a consequence, some people are experiencing mental health difficulties. We want to let you know there are some very good services available for anyone who is struggling.

It is understandable to feel worried or anxious at this unsettling time.

Your mental health and wellbeing is very important, and Healthy Minds, a mental health service covering Bradford and Craven is here to help.

To speak to someone about your mental health, call Guide-Line on 01274 594 594. This line is open 12 noon to 12 midnight every day.

If you need urgent help, call First Response on 01274 221 181. The line is open all day, every day, for all ages.

If your children are suffering mental health issues, visit [Kooth.com](https://www.kooth.com)

to chat online with a counsellor or in a group forum, read articles or write your own journal.

For support with domestic abuse and violence, call Survive & Thrive on 0808 2800 999. Women and girls who experience sexual violence can call: 01274 308 270 or text 07435 752 975.

If you prefer, you can answer a few simple questions on [www.healthyminds.services](https://www.healthyminds.services)

and a 'wellbeing assistant' will recommend the top three support services available to you.

Healthy Minds is a resource brought to you by the NHS and mental health charity Mind for Bradford District and Craven.



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## \* Greetings from the Team

**Milton Pearson**

**Manager**



**Paul Westcott**

**Deputy Manager**



**Kelley Sutcliffe**

**Administration  
Assistant**



**Marcus Dickerson**

**Maintenance Manger**



We are all still here working for the hall and community although our roles within our team have been adapted to the current situation. Milton and Paul have still been busy looking after the running of the hall including the communications, finances and submitting funding applications to help with costs during this time. Kelley is still assisting with the administration and social media side of things as well as supporting the Wilsden Coronavirus Support Group with their administration. Marcus is just as busy as usual with ongoing maintenance as well as a big decorating project that is being undertaken while the building is closed to the public. Milton and Paul are also involved with this project along with some wonderful, volunteers from the village who have kindly given up their time to help us.

## \* Wilsden Coronavirus Support Group

As many of you will know, there are an amazing group of volunteers from the village who are helping housebound people in Wilsden and surrounding areas during the Coronavirus Pandemic.

Wilsden Village Hall is proud to support this courageous, hard-working group of people who we have lovingly nicknamed our "Coronavirus Angels".

This group was initially started by a small gathering of village residents who had arranged to hold a meeting at The New Inn on 16<sup>th</sup> March to discuss how a group could be formed to help residents who required support.

From then the group has gone from strength to strength, with over 60 kind, fantastic, caring volunteers helping almost 100 housebound people or couples with tasks including shopping, collecting prescriptions or just a friendly phone call a couple of times a week to those who miss chatting to others.

Their Facebook page can be found under Wilsden & Neighbouring Areas Coronavirus Support Group and they regularly post updates with useful information as well as positive messages to cheer us all up!

If you or anyone you know requires any help or support during this time, please contact: Jane Callaghan ([jane.callaghan@wilsdenparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:jane.callaghan@wilsdenparishcouncil.gov.uk) or call 07986 294 757) or Kelley Sutcliffe (at [kelley@wilsdenvillagehall.co.uk](mailto:kelley@wilsdenvillagehall.co.uk)) and we can allocate you one of our fantastic volunteers.



Since forming, Wilsden Coronavirus Support Group have received and helped with many requests. The people in this group have gone above and beyond with doing everything they possibly can to help those who need support and are an inspiration.

Please read some of their amazing achievements on the next page!

## \* Coronavirus Angels - Good News Stories

The requests for assistance with shopping, continue to be met as a matter of course. However, a few of the calls for help we get have meant our volunteers going 'over and above' what would typically be expected of them.

As well as prescription deliveries for people, we helped out with an urgent request to collect and deliver a veterinary prescription. In the in the first week of lockdown, we had a request for new-born nappies, and somehow, among all the empty shelves at this time, our group managed to source some.

We had an instance where a volunteer was helping a housebound person with shopping and unfortunately, their fridge/freezer stopped working. A request was put on our Whatsapp Group and luckily one of our volunteer couples had a spare fridge, so they kindly delivered this to her. At the same time, her neighbour sorted out a new fridge/freezer to be delivered the next day. Following that delivery, another of our volunteers went shopping for replacement frozen food to restock the new one. All of this was resolved in 48 hours.

Another example of the spirit the group was demonstrated when one of the volunteer's friends had some neighbours that needed help to move furniture to make room for a hospital bed for the next day. Immediately after the call for help was put out, there were several offers of assistance from volunteers and their relatives to lend a hand, and the furniture was moved into the garage that evening.

There was also an urgent request for help to find provisions for a man who was travelling back from overseas and going to be self-isolating. He had been offered a place to stay in the village, but as it was unfurnished, he needed basic things such as a bed and kitchen equipment. By the time he arrived, our volunteers along with other generous residents in the village had sourced him a sofa bed, kettle, pans, crockery and cutlery etc. and other items.

Another example is when a message was sent to the group about a housebound lady whose slow-cooker had broken. Within half an hour, there was one on the way to her donated by one of the kind volunteers.

One of our generous and very talented volunteers has also made a few occasion cakes for people who have requested them for loved ones as a surprise and has produced a beautiful gift each time.

Another of our talented group have hand-made hundreds of keyrings, bracelets and wine glass decorations from beads which she is selling to raise funds for Manorlands Hospice and other local charities. These are for sale at the Community Post Office with a minimum donation of £1 each.



The most remarkable thing of all is how well the group has come together and gone from strength to strength supporting each other. The speed with which the group was established has to be applauded. Following the initial meeting, the whole of the village had been leafletted within a week. By the fifth day of lockdown, all requests for help had volunteers allocated to them, and this was less than two weeks after the very first meeting.

From requests for live basil plants to the elusive self raising flour, no problem or call for help, support or assistance is too much trouble for our volunteers aptly know as Coronavirus Angels!

## \* Pharmacy Angels on Look North

A few weeks ago two of our volunteers from the Coronavirus Support Group, sisters Emily and Beatrice, appeared on our local news programme, Look North on BBC1.

They had been nominated to represent our support group as part of the "Harry's Heroes" feature where community heroes are given much deserved recognition.

Everyday, Emily & Beatrice go to the pharmacy in Wilsden to collect then deliver prescriptions to housebound people in the village in order to help the pharmacy driver with deliveries.

They have provided an amazing service over the last couple of months even with one of the sisters studying for exams.

If it wasn't for their hard work lots of people would struggle to get their essential medication.

Well done to you both and keep up the good work!!



## \* Support your local businesses

The Coronavirus Angels are not only amazing at being organised and kind-hearted, they come up with some great ideas too! They decided to create a video showing all of the businesses and services in the village who are still open albeit in a different capacity. This gave local businesses the chance to let their customers know how they currently working during this situation and remind them they are still open for business.

Please click on the link below to view this video, brilliantly edited by Beatrice Overend!

<https://www.facebook.com/beatrice.overend/videos/1551661611682211/>

## \* Support your local care home

Wilsden Village Hall are supporting another lovely idea from the Coronavirus Angels. They would like to make up gift bags for the staff at Laurel Bank Care Home in the village as well as for the pharmacy and surgery staff as a Thank You for all of their hard work. If you would like to donate any mens and ladies toiletries, sweets, biscuits, snacks, cartons of juice or anything you think would make a nice item in a gift package, that would be much appreciated. Please drop any donations off at the village hall, Monday to Friday, between 10am and 12pm.

For more details, please see the video in the link below

<https://www.facebook.com/WilsdenVillageHall/videos/538931220114162/>

## \* Decorating Project

Whilst the hall is currently closed following government guidelines, we have started to undertake a long overdue decorating and refurbishing project.

We are in the process of painting the library room where will also be replacing the floor, painting the kitchen, boxing in pipework in the main hall before painting the walls and replacing all of the curtains and also painting the toilets.

We would like to say a big thank you to all of the wonderful volunteers to have come to the hall to help our **Milton, Marcus** and **Paul** with the decorating.....we really couldn't have done it without you all helping out!!

**Jane Pearson** - For being the unofficial Project Manger and instrumental in sourcing materials.

**Karen Padgett** - Who is our interior designer as well as helping with the decorating and who also offered to help train anyone looking to improve their skills.

**Saffron & Vicky** - For also providing interior design advice.

**John Rodgers** - Our project joiner.

**Jason Temple, Richard & Audrey Freeman** and **Beatrice Overend** (who are also volunteers for the Wilsden Coronavirus Support Group) along with **Kelly Williams** (Spread-a-little-sunshine campaign founder) and **Jane Callaghan** from Wilsden Parish Council have done such an amazing job of painting and decorating all of these areas whilst maintaining safe social distancing. Thanks also to **Christina Watkinson** who is very kindly taking up our new curtains for the main hall.



When we put a call out for volunteers, we had suggested that if people could not physically help with the work but wanted to contribute, they could sponsor some items needed for the project i.e. a tin of paint, a curtain pole or a light shade.

We'd like to say Thank You so much to **Brian & Sue Berkovits** and to **Natalie & Matt Barnett** who kindly donated to this cause. We really appreciated your generous donations and we can't wait to welcome you and the whole village back to the hall when we can reopen.

## \* Sponsored Walk

Isla Sutcliffe, the 7 year old daughter of our Administration Assistant Kelley, has decided that to earn her Charity badge at Brownies she wants raise funds for Wilsden Village Hall. She is going to do a sponsored walk from Wilsden to Bingley and back following a 6 mile route and the money she raises will go towards the decorating project.

The walk will take place on Saturday 13th June and funding on her Just Giving Page is growing nicely but if you would like to donate to this wonderful cause which will benefit anyone using the hall , please click on the link below

[https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/islasutcliffe?utm\\_term=dn7ny636m](https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/islasutcliffe?utm_term=dn7ny636m)



**Many Thanks for the kind support of all  
who have already donated and  
a big well done to Isla!!**

## Events for the future!!

### \* **Rock Salt Acoustic - 27th June - Live online!**

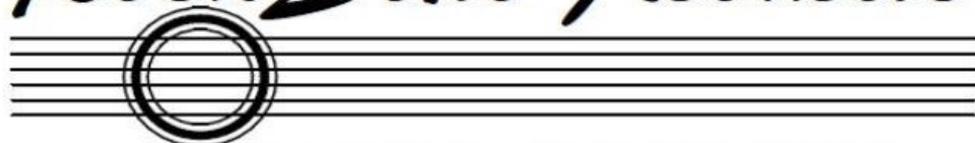
We were due to host the amazing band, Rock Salt Acoustic back in April but we obviously had to post-pone this event. We pencilled in a date for the end of June as an alternative until we realised that this could not go ahead either under the current circumstances.

However, the band have come up with another way of performing for us.....a live Facebook Watch Party!

This band have amazing vocals and are very talented musicians so why not join in the fun with a live gig at home on **Saturday 27th June from 8pm.**

If you would like to join us, please go to our Facebook page just before this time and click on the link which will be provided.

# Rock Salt Acoustic



pic by Yorkshire Gig Guide

## Events for the future!!

### \* Open Mic Nights



Following the huge success of our first Open Mic Night held in February, we are pleased to announce that this will be a regular event to be held on 2nd Wednesday every other month, once the hall reopens!!

In the meantime, you can practise your act for the big relaunch!

Singers, musicians, comedians, poets.....or any other types of entertainers are welcome!!

Free entry for everyone, just contact Wilsden Village Hall to register your name and type of act once the next date is announced. Or just come along on the night if you would prefer to sit back, relax and watch the show!

**WATCH THIS SPACE FOR OUR NEXT DATE!!**



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We'd really appreciate you spending a couple of minutes telling us what you think about the hall, its facilities, things we are doing well and areas you think we could improve on.

To do this please click on the link below.

**Click [HERE](#) to complete Survey**

Alternatively, paper copies of our short survey are available from the hall.

*Thank You!!*



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## \* **We are a Local Charitable Organisation**

Our Village Hall depends on volunteer Trustees to govern how the hall is financed and run for the benefit of Wilsdeners in general.

As a charity, Wilsden Village Hall relies heavily on donations from individuals, groups, organisations and businesses in the community.

We would like to express our sincere gratitude for support we have received up to date and for any future donations of which we would be most grateful.

# *Thank You!!*

Wilsden Village Hall is currently supported by the following groups and organisations:-

- \* P&J Idle Stompers
- \* Co-op Local Community Fund
- \* BMDC
- \* Leader
- \* The Key Fund
- \* Royd House Trust
- \* Wilsden Good Neighbours
- \* Wilsden Parish Council
- \* Wilsden Walkers
- \* Wilsden W.I
- \* Wilsden Gala Committee
- \* Wilsden Thursday Afternoon Group
- \* Wilsden Trinity Methodist Church URLEP
- \* Mr & Mrs J. Bartle

