



**Social Group** – Midgley Community Forum Social Group. We are a small friendly group of Midgley residents who, in normal times, would organise the social events in the village.

These include regular Quiz Nights, Talks and annual events such as Well Dressing, Wine Tasting and Carol Singing. We also organise a big bi-annual fundraising event which would have been the Fete on the Rec this year, and hopefully Open Gardens next year.

We would very much like new people to join us to help plan and arrange events for later in 2021. If you would like to come along, or want more information, please contact Jennifer Vale on 07906 459904 or email [jen.vale@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:jen.vale@yahoo.co.uk)

### Keeping our village beautiful

Thank you to all you lovely villagers who have been picking up litter as you have walked around Midgley. It makes such a difference.

### Craft, Coffee, Chat and Cake aka Knit and Natter



If you like crafting, knitting, sewing, drawing or painting and convivial company, then come along to Craft, Coffee (or tea), Chat and Cake.

Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month.

Starting Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2-4 pm in the Community Room.

For further details contact Jean Tallis on 882394 or [jean.tallis@gmail.com](mailto:jean.tallis@gmail.com)



### Coffee Morning

Our regular Thursday Coffee Morning will start again on 17<sup>th</sup> June from 10.00 to 12.30.

You are all welcome. Due to the Covid restrictions we are limited to 14 visitors in the Community Room, so please be prepared to have to wait for a table or to come back later.

We ask you to wear a mask when moving around and sign in for Track and Trace.

We also welcome volunteers who would like to help serve and/or bake for this popular weekly event.

For more information, please contact  Frances Tighe on 882954

### Social Media WhatsAppening Midgley

This is the name of the village What's App group which was started for the recent Advent and Easter Window projects but it's now used to inform about 'happenings' in the village such as the sad news of the recent Catalytic Converter thefts.

So its a neighbourhood information app.

AKA a 'What's Up' group

If you would like to join, please text Anne on 07985 128737. To follow village events on Instagram the account name is Eh\_up\_Midgley

### Website

The village website address is [midgley-village.co.uk](http://midgley-village.co.uk)

Here you can find out about the history of the village, past and future events and the latest newsletter and much much more.

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The shop continues to do well, operating at a higher level than BC (before Covid) We are still trying new lines and are open to any suggestions that customers may want to make. We still remain competitive on many items.

Of course none of this would be possible without all our fantastic volunteers who have excelled themselves over the last year or so. During this time it has been almost impossible to recruit and train new volunteers but we think we are now in a position to begin this again.



So if you have any spare time and fancy helping to keep the shop going, now is your chance. Some volunteers do fixed hours in the shop, others fill in as and when needed. If you don't want to serve in the shop, there are jobs behind the scenes such as ordering etc.



If any of this appeals to you, please leave your name and telephone number in the shop or ring Phil on 07973 801142 and we'll sort something out.

## MINI OPEN GARDENS 2021

Sadly we're not able to stage the usual Midgley Open Gardens weekend this year due to Covid restrictions. However a number of Midgley gardeners are keen to contribute to a smaller event, as a tentative step towards re-starting normal community activities.

This will take place on one day only **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> August 11 am to 5.00pm.**

There will be a small number of gardens open to view, spread throughout the village, with the usual range from courtyard gardens to larger rambling plots.

There will be more information in the next newsletter, but if you would like more details, or are interested in opening your garden, please get in touch with Jean Tallis (07786 702813)

We would also love to hear from you if you are able to help on the day, or contribute home baking etc for refreshments.

### Environmental volunteering activities

A lovely group of volunteers came along to Midgley Rec on Easter Saturday to help plant a small copse of native trees at the bottom end of the Rec. This was a first step towards a range of practical initiatives to combat climate change - tree planting has a range of benefits including carbon sequestration, habitat creation and flood alleviation. Sadly someone took exception to the trees and uprooted them soon after they were planted. This was extremely upsetting and frustrating for the volunteers who gave up their time to benefit others, as well as a waste of hard-earned village funds. We are keen to hear from land owners who might welcome some tree planting on their land next planting season. Meanwhile we have a number of further opportunities for volunteers to get involved in some practical conservation work over the summer.

#### Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> June

##### Woodland management at Radcliffe Lane

Removing tree shelters from woodland planted by Midgley School children in the 1990's. Meet on Radcliffe Lane (off Thorney Lane) at 10am. Bring gloves and sharp scissors if possible.

#### Tuesday evening 6<sup>th</sup> July

Balsam bashing in Brearley Woods. Removing this invasive species from the paths along the top of the woods. Meet at the start of the footpath next to Lacey Hey at 6pm. Bring Gloves.

#### Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> July

##### Woodland management at Radcliffe Lane.

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#### Tuesday Evening 20<sup>th</sup> July

##### Litter picking through the village.

Meet at the bus turn-round at 6.00 pm. Bring Gloves.



#### Tuesday Evening 3<sup>rd</sup> August.

Balsam bashing in Brearley Woods. Removing this invasive species from the paths along the top of the woods. Meet at the start of the footpath next to Lacey Hey at 6.00 pm. Bring Gloves.

**Sessions are informal, friendly and easy and all are welcome.**

Please contact Anne Holdsworth on 07985 128737 [stocksfarm55@gmail.com](mailto:stocksfarm55@gmail.com) for more information or just turn up on the day.

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