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# MIDDLETON BY YOULGRAVE NEWSLETTER

## SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2023



Reminder from Derbyshire Dales Council – updated information for household waste collection. Households will have received an information leaflet about their new collection day: **THURSDAY** from w/c 18 September commencing with Blue-lid bin /Green-lid bin/Food caddy. For more information [www.derbyshiredales.gov.uk/wastechanges-faqs](http://www.derbyshiredales.gov.uk/wastechanges-faqs)

Email: [waste@derbyshiredales.gov.uk](mailto:waste@derbyshiredales.gov.uk) tel: 01629 761 122

**HARVEST SUPPER FRIDAY 6<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER** -return slips/replies from your invitation by 29<sup>th</sup> September please.



You are invited to bring a carved pumpkin for our display this year.

PRIZES for the **HAPPIEST** pumpkin, the **PRETTIEST** pumpkin, the **SPOOKIEST** pumpkin and the most **ORIGINAL** pumpkin.

If anyone has a problem in obtaining a pumpkin to carve please contact [diannejeremy782@btinternet.com](mailto:diannejeremy782@btinternet.com) /07801696465/01629636088

**HERB PLANTERS** in the PICNIC GARDEN

These have worked well this year and several residents have used the selection of herbs. Some of the herbs will not survive the winter and will be replaced by flowers and replanted for next summer.

## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Members of the Climate and Nature group have continued to maintain the garden areas in the Square, playground, picnic area, triangle at the top of the Dale and the village planter. There is also a newly reclaimed area adjacent to Square House.

Spring flowering bulbs have been purchased for the planter and other areas – the colour-scheme in the planter will be different again this year and we will welcome your feedback on the floral display.



### WATER SUPPLY

Watering the garden areas during the prolonged dry spell was quite a challenge this year so there are plans to obtain a child-safe water butt for use by the gardeners.

More details to follow.

## MIDDLETON HEDGEHOGS have had a good year!



This hedgehog was photographed earlier this month paying a nightly visit to a garden in the Square.

There have been numerous sightings this year, including nocturnal video recordings which give fascinating insights into hedgehogs foraging and interacting with other animals, like marauding cats!

Some hedgehogs have also successfully produced litters this year too.

Sadly, there was a recent fatality as a result of being struck by a vehicle. A reminder to motorists to take extra care and reduce their speed.

The hedgehogs will be thinking about hibernation as the weather cools down but unless it is really cold, they still venture out at nights and will appreciate a bowl of clean water and some suitable food if you have been feeding them regularly.

## **Contacts**

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