



St Andrew's Church, Rillington

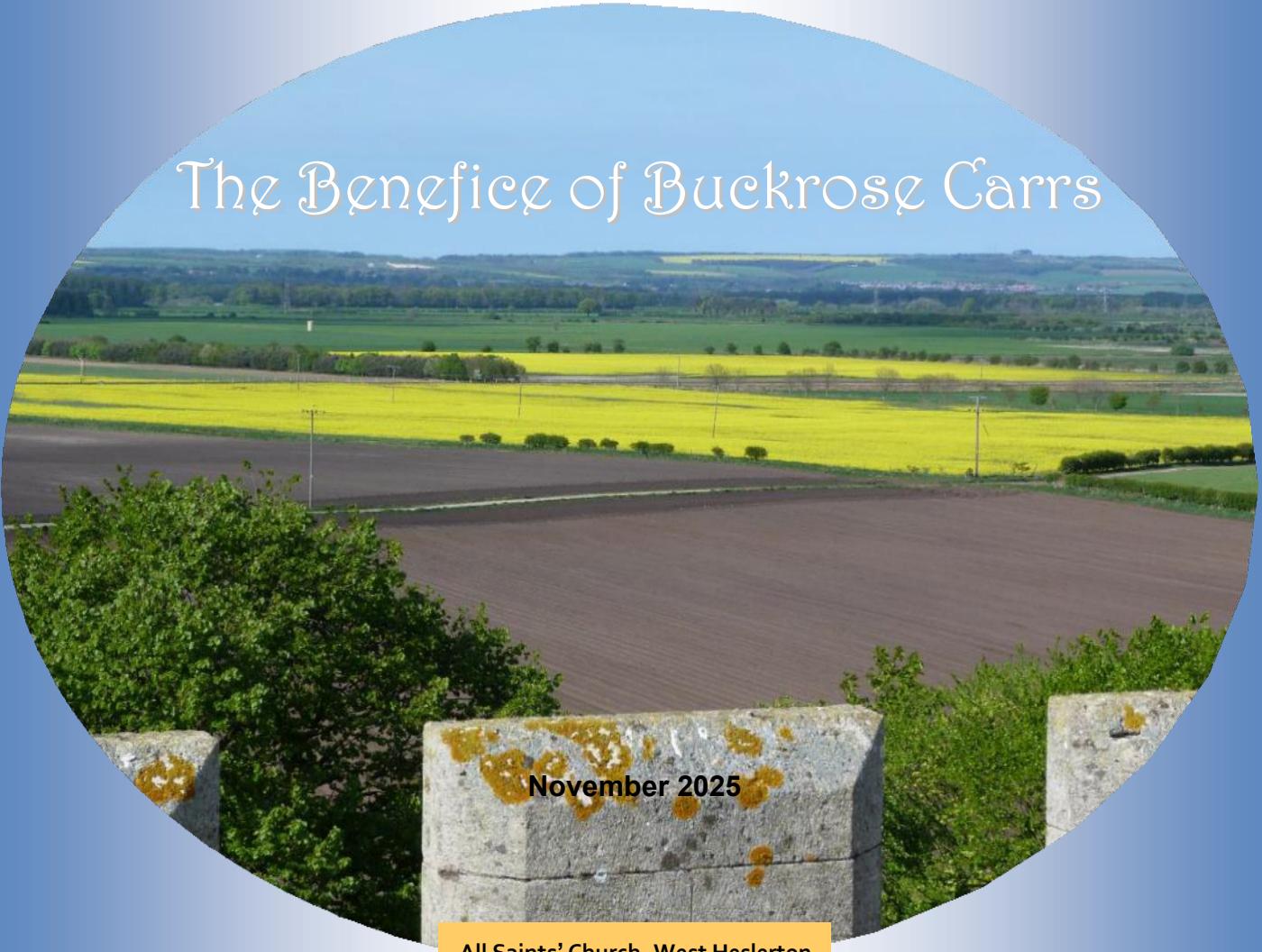


St Martin's Church, Scampston



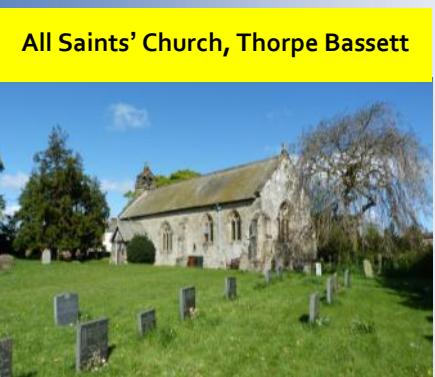
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# The Benefice of Buckrose Carrs



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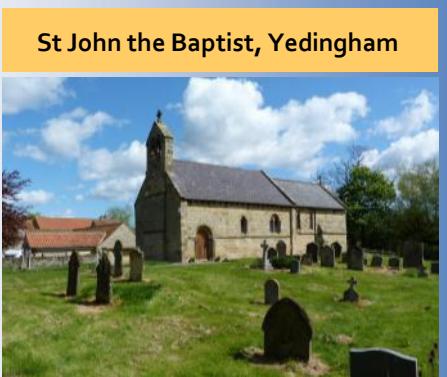
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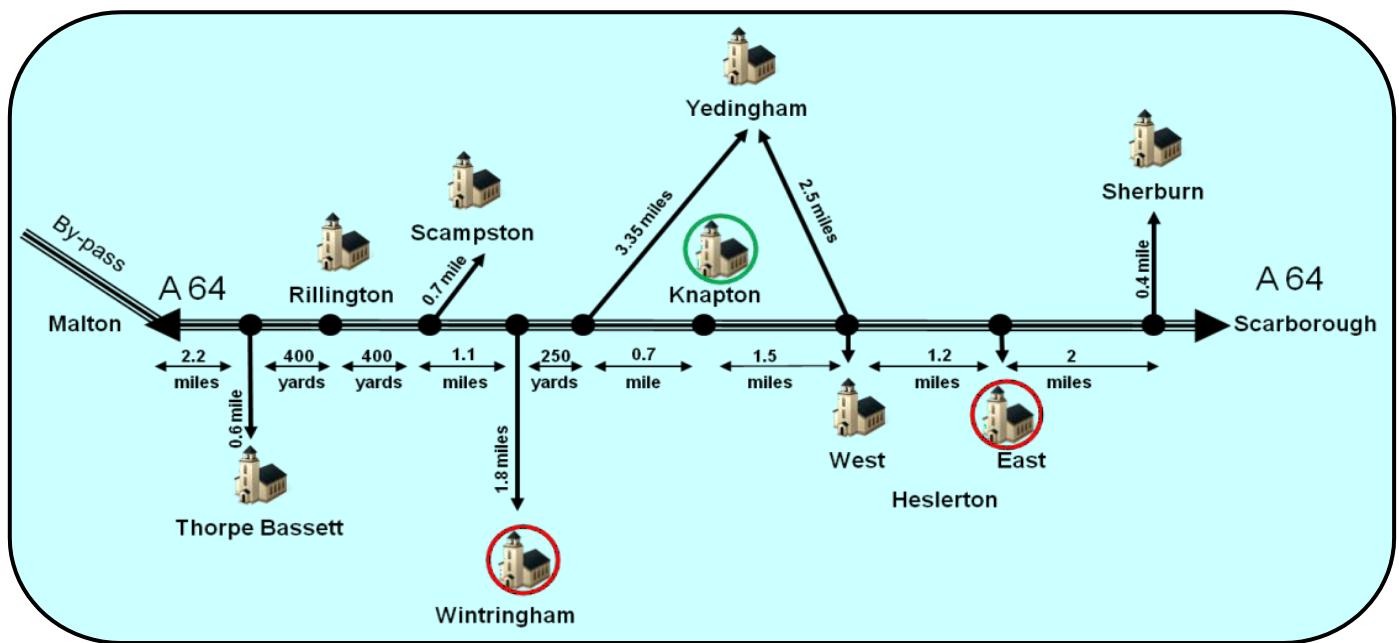
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St John the Baptist, Yedingham

"To Proclaim the Love of God in Christ Jesus"

## Churches in the Benefice of Buckrose Carrs



Church in the care of the Churches Conservation Trust



Church in the care of a private Trust

### Pattern of Services

Week			
1	9am	Holy Communion	Common Worship St Andrew's, Rillington
	11am	Holy Communion	BCP St John's, Yedingham
2	10.15am	Holy Communion	BCP All Saints', Thorpe Bassett
3	10.15am	Holy Communion	Common Worship All Saints', West Heslerton
4	10.15am	Holy Communion	Common Worship St Hilda's, Sherburn
5	10.15am	Holy Communion	BCP At St Martin's, Scampston

Many folk worship in more than one church building – offering car lifts to those who live near them.

## **The Benefice of Buckrose Carrs**

The Benefice of Buckrose Carrs covers approximately 34 square miles in North Yorkshire with the A64 running the length of it. The uplands of the North York Moors are to the north and the rolling hills of the Yorkshire Wolds to the south.

Whilst having a total population of approx. 3100 it is mainly agricultural with Rillington and Sherburn having some shops and light industrial works.

Whilst there are nine church buildings within the Benefice, only six are used regularly for worship:

- Saint Andrew's Rillington
- Saint Martin's Scampston
- Saint Hilda's Sherburn
- All Saints' Thorpe Bassett
- All Saints' West Heslerton
- Saint John the Baptist Yedingham

There are five PCCs, as Yedingham and West Heslerton are one parish.

## **Benefice Council**

Together with the Rector, the Church Wardens from each parish along with the Authorised Lay Minister meet together quarterly to discuss issues that affect the whole Benefice.

A treasurer administers the Benefice account that is used to pay Rector's local expenses, for the Benefice office and is funded by contributions from each parish.

A recent joint activity has been the Benefice Christmas Card, distributed through the schools, shops, pubs and church members. This gives details of the various Christmas services in all the churches and the single Methodist Chapel at Sherburn as well as a short Christmas message to the local community.

## **Lay Ministry**

We are fortunate to have an Authorised Lay Minister who is able to lead worship as well as many members of the laity involved in the writing and leading of intercessions, homilies, reading scripture and Eucharistic Ministers.

There are also two active retired priests with Permission to Officiate.



## What we need

- To strengthen links with the other parishes in our benefice and neighbouring benefices and work closer together for the same aims.
- To raise the profile of the churches within each parish by being a visible presence, supporting local projects like the Community Fridge and village events, so the community sees the Church, not just as a building, but as a relevant and vibrant part of the community.
- To reach out to the communities we serve through a variety of 'Fresh Expressions' which meet the needs of each community and through the resources of social media.
- To capitalize on the strong links with each of the schools and develop contacts with the families through the Home-School Links.
- To develop strategies which specifically meet the needs of the younger members of our communities.
- Develop more ways to reach the older members of the community and the house bound.
- To further utilise our churches and church rooms and halls, as often the only public buildings in the villages, to reach out and offer new ways of engaging with our community.

## Who we are looking for

A priest who:

- Is someone who will listen and actively put themselves in a place where they can hear the needs of these communities; is eager to engage with those among whom we live and be a recognized presence to whom people relate and know they can turn to.
- Is a team developer, keen to discern and release the gifts that God has blessed us with; understand that we are all ready to serve, to witness and help to build His Church in these communities.
- Is a visible presence within the villages and enthusiastic to participate in village events and bring these communities together; who sees church as being in the community and not in the building.
- Has the gentle powers of persuasion, innovation and prayer to guide us through the changes that lie ahead.
- Will be alongside to encourage us in our personal spiritual growth.
- In a Benefice, consisting of 9 distinct communities, is comfortable and supportive in delivering a wide range and styles of worship to suit all ages.

## The Parishes

Each village, and therefore Parish, has its own unique character, challenges and opportunities.

Each has contributed the following information and they are listed as travelling from west to east:



## Parish of All Saints' Thorpe Bassett

*Pop approx. 100*

*Church Attendance average 19*

- All Saints' is central within the village
- A service is held on the second Sunday of the month and is BCP Holy Communion
- It has a regular attendance of 19.
- Celebrations for harvest festival and a carol service within Advent happen annually.
- Members of the congregation willingly take part with readings, intercessions and assisting with communion
- We have had a Lay led service once a month led by the lay members of the congregation, but unfortunately, they have had to step back due to health issues.
- We have been collecting contributions to the local food bank and have received a thank you for contributing 67 kg of food from harvest festival and from a monthly collection in a box provided at church.
- There is a population of 100 people in 45 households. the majority of those living within the village are involved in agriculture.
- We always offer a warm welcome to worshippers and visitors. This is backed up by fellowship after the service with tea, coffee and biscuits
- Our church is small and well heated. This is relatively intimate and with a welcoming feel the small size helps to keep maintenance within reason.
- We believe that the wider village community find it important to have the church as its centre. It is the only public building in the village.



## Parish of St Andrew's Rillington

Pop approx. 1300

Church Attendance average 9

- Saint Andrew's stands in an elevated position in the centre of the village.
- We have a Common Worship communion service on the first Sunday of each month.
- Members of the congregation willingly take part with readings, intercessions and assisting with communion.
- We often have special services during Lent and a Christmas Eve Crib Service.
- We have Church Rooms across the road from the Church with a kitchen, large room and toilet.
- We have good community involvement via the Community Café, Community Fridge and Little Fishes, which all happen in the Church Room and village hall.



*We want to be able to show that God's love is freely available to all, and that the church is there for everyone.*

- The church building is open each day to visitors
- As well as many shops and services, Rillington has a small engineering manufacturing factory. Supermarket shopping can be found 5 miles away in Malton.
- We want a priest to come and assist us in raising the profile of the church in the village, as well as encouraging us in our personal spiritual growth
- We want to strengthen our links with the other parishes within the Benefice.



## Parish of Scampston, with Wintringham

### St Martin's Scampston

*Pop approx. 100*

*Church Attendance average 15*

- St Martins is a small church in the centre of the village.
- Scampston is an estate village.
- Scampston currently offers a place of worship on the fifth Sundays, as well as Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter and Harvest Festival services.
- We have Book of Common Prayer (BCP) communion services.
- The church is open for quiet reflection on a daily basis.



### St Peter's Wintringham

*Pop approx. 201*

- St Peter's is an estate church cared for by the Churches Conservation Trust.
- It is situated at the Southern end of the village.
- It is used for occasional services.
- There has been a recently formed friends of St Peter's Wintringham. They see their role as maintaining and keeping the building open.
- There is a newly built village hall used for community events and activities.



- **Parish of East and West Heslerton with Yedingham.**

*This parish has three churches, one that is under the care of the Church Conservation Trust and two that are active.*

### **St Andrew's in East Heslerton**

- Is at the southern end of the village and is under the care of the Churches Conservation Trust. It is still used for joint Benefice services.
- East Heslerton has the recently refurbished church rooms which were brought back into use during the incumbency of the previous Rector.
- It is a place that can be used for worship, meetings and discipleship courses.
- It is also used by the local community for quiz nights and other village events.
- Volunteers from the Benefice helped in the restoration, repair and decorating.
- It was used by our previous incumbent as his church office, where baptismal families and marriage couples could meet with the Rector to make arrangements for their upcoming baptisms and weddings.
- The church rooms are looked upon as an asset by the village and this restoration has helped to encourage support of the church within the community.



### **All Saints', West Heslerton**

*Pop approx. 409*

*Church Attendance average 13*

- The church lies in the centre of the village.
- We have a Communion service using Common Worship on the third Sunday of the month.
- There is an annual Advent Carol Service and Harvest Thanksgiving
- The Church of England School lies in a purpose-built building not too far from the church. The school has close links with the church and uses it for worship at least once every half term and has regular visits during the rest of the school year.
- There is a village hall which has recently re-opened post Covid as the place of a community café run by members of the village hall committee.
- The links between School, Village Hall and Church are helping to rebuild church in the community.



## St John the Baptist, Yedingham

*Pop approx. 127*

*Church Attendance average 16*

- We have BCP holy communion on the first Sunday of the month.
- We have annual Harvest Festival and Carol Services
- We hold a Good Friday service where the children of the village are encouraged to bring Easter gardens for our Easter Garden service.
- Yedingham is predominantly a commuter village with industrial scale potato, cereal and egg production as well as sand extraction from the alluvial clay.
- The main hub within the village is the Church as there is no longer a shop, school, post office or village hall. Activities include the annual garden party and Celebration Picnics in the churchyard. Also the Posada journey through Advent.
- We feel it is good for the Benefice as a whole to continue to work together as much as possible, and to have services on a shared basis.
- The PCC believes it must maintain a regular pattern of services.
- In a Benefice, consisting of 9 distinct communities, we therefore need an incumbent who is proactive, approachable and enthusiastic to participate in village events and bring these communities together through the gentle powers of persuasion, innovation and prayer to be part of an active Benefice congregation

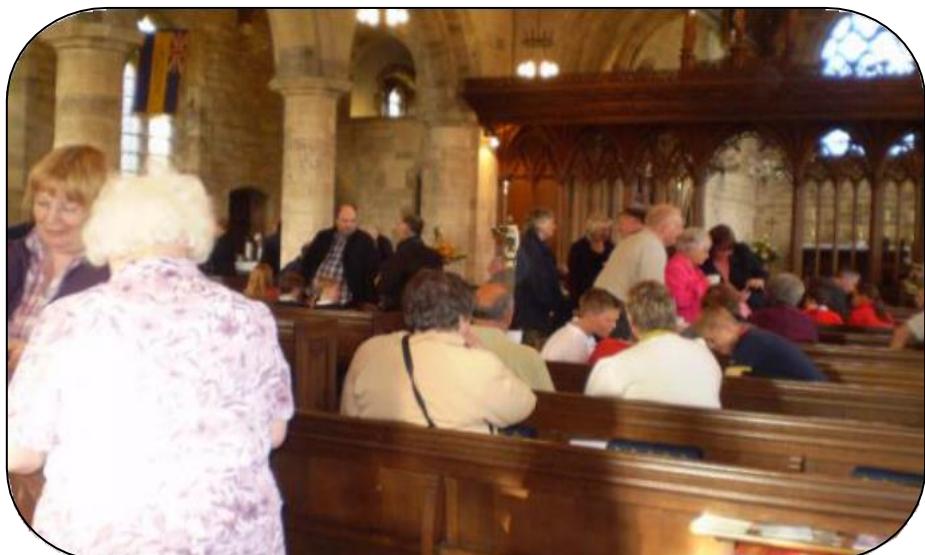


## **Parish of St Hilda's, Sherburn**

*Pop approx. 830*

*Church Attendance average 15*

- St Hilda's is situated at the northern end of the village
- St Hilda's is the largest church building within the Benefice.
- Holy Communion service using Common Worship happens on the fourth Sunday of each month.
- There has been a lay led service in the past and there is a desire for this to be reinstated.
- Refreshments are served following the service to give people the opportunity to meet socially. It has two light engineering factories.
- There is one pub, two shops and a post office, a doctor's surgery, community hall and a village hall. There is a licensed sports hall and field for cricket and football.
- It also has Sherburn School which is a Church of England school at the centre of the village, with a new Head Teacher. The school and village youth groups (including Brownies and Rainbows) visit the church regularly.
- There is a Methodist chapel within the village and there are strong links between the Chapel and Saint Hilda's. They share the Remembrance Day service at the war memorial in the centre of the village and take part in an Annual Carol Service.
- We continue to pray for spiritual growth amongst us and the individuals and families living within Sherburn to begin to see the church, not just as a building, but as a relevant and vibrant part of the community actively involved in outreach, mission conversion and fellowship in Christ.
- We pray that St Hilda's will develop as a community/ family friendly church where villagers of all ages are welcomed and catered for with appropriate types and patterns of service.



## Primary Schools

*There are three primary schools within the Benefice. Each school welcomes involvement with the church.*



### West Heslerton CE VC Primary

Headteacher Mrs. Rachel Wells

“Children are at the centre of all we do”. We encourage everyone in our school community to live life well reflecting Christian attitudes and values and working in partnership with families as part of a wider, caring community.

The hallmarks of a Christian life lived well are shown in the fruits of the Spirit – But the fruit of the Spirit is Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, Self-control. Against such things there is no law.

Galatians 5:22 – 23



All that we do at school is driven by this vision. We use this to plan and deliver the very best provision and service that we can. Care, safety and curriculum are key to learning and belonging. We model the fruits of the spirit in all that we do.

A daily act of worship is held in school. Grace is said before lunch is eaten. Each school day closes with a prayer or reflection time to always be grateful for all the love and opportunities we have. Pupils often lead these experiences.

At West Heslerton CE school, pupils and their families can expect a high quality religious education (RE) curriculum that is rich and varied, enabling learners to acquire a thorough knowledge and understanding of a range of faiths and world views.

- a small personal school where each child is valued
- an experienced team of dedicated and caring staff
- a broad and balanced curriculum combining excellence and enjoyment
- a distinct Christian ethos



**Look Up, Aim High, Shine Bright**

You are the light of the world, Matthew 5:14

At Sherburn CE Primary Academy, our vision is:

To inspire every child to look up with hope, aim high with ambition, and shine bright as the light of the world (Matthew 5:14), fulfilling their unique potential.

“You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. 16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven” Matthew 5:14-16

### Values

The Religious Ethos at Sherburn CE Primary Academy is ‘Christian values underpin the work of Sherburn CE Primary Academy and these influence our care of the individual’. The four core values are:

Respect is the cornerstone of our school culture. We encourage our Children to treat others with dignity and consideration, both within our school walls and beyond. Do to others as you would have them do to you, Matthew 7:12

Kindness is another essential value that we instill in our children. We believe that acts of kindness can have a profound impact on individuals and communities. By promoting kindness, we create a positive and supportive atmosphere for all. Let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth, John 3:18

Perseverance is the ability to bounce back from challenges and setbacks. We equip our children with the tools and strategies they need to overcome adversity and persevere in the face of difficulties. Let us run with endurance the race that is set out before us, Hebrew 12:1

We want children at Sherburn CE Primary Academy to be courageous in their thoughts and actions. Throughout the Bible, especially in the Old Testament, God repeatedly commands His people to “be strong and courageous”. Be strong and courageous, do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go. This isn’t a call to self-reliance, but an assurance that God will be with them, providing the necessary strength, Joshua 1:9. We want to develop courageous children who are confident even when facing life’s challenges.



## Rillington Primary

Headteacher Mrs Carrie Stabler

'Every child matters, every moment counts'

Rillington Primary School is proud to be part of Elevate Multi Academy Trust.

Our Purpose: Vision & Values

Our sole purpose is: Raising Aspiration and Raising Achievement and we do this by: Creating communities where children are valued, inspired and confident and we do this because: We all share a relentless determination that every child can achieve and that no child is left behind. This is about Keep Up, not Catch Up!

Supporting our purpose is a commitment that:

Children, staff and families are at the heart of everything we do. We hold high expectations of all which is supported by a drive to continuously develop.

At Rillington Community Primary School, we seek to ensure that all pupils in our school are educated to develop spiritually, academically, emotionally and morally to enable them to better understand themselves and others and to cope with the opportunities, challenges and responsibilities of living in a rapidly changing, multicultural world. Regular assemblies and celebrations of work will help to celebrate the diversity of the school community and promote positive images of people in the wider community, including their beliefs, traditions, culture, language and history.

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## The Vicarage

- The house is well maintained and in secluded gardens even though it is central to Rillington village.
- It is a 1960's built home consisting of dining room, kitchen and lounge, study and cloakroom on the ground floor.
- On the first floor there are four bedrooms, bathroom and a separate toilet.
- There is also a garage and utility room alongside through a covered passageway.
- It has cavity wall insulation; double glazing and the kitchen and utility have recently been refurbished
- Central Heating is by an oil-fired boiler.
- Rillington village has a 'corner' shop and post office, a GP surgery and pharmacy, a Chippy, a butchers, primary school, pre-school group, hairdressers, a repair garage and a village hall as well as two pubs! There is a strong sense of community.
- Rillington is about half-way between Scarborough on the coast and the city of York giving the best of all worlds.
- There is a good bus service in both directions with a main line train station at Malton.



## Useful Links

- Buckrose Carrs: <https://www.buckrosecarrs.org.uk/>
- Buckrose Carrs Community Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/people/The-Buckrose-Community/100072248316058/>

### **Parish Councils:**

- Rillington Parish Council <https://rillingtonparishcouncil.org/>
- Sherburn Parish Council: <https://www.sherburnparishcouncil.org.uk/>
- Heslerton Parish Council: <https://www.heslertonparishcouncil.com/useful-links/>
- Scampston Parish Council: <https://scampton.parish.lincolnshire.gov.uk/>
- Thorpe Bassett Parish Council: <https://edemocracy.northyorks.gov.uk/mgParishCouncilDetails.aspx?ID=1937&LS=1>

### **Schools:**

- Sherburn CE VC Primary: <https://www.sherburnprimaryschool.co.uk/web/main.php>
- West Heslerton CE VC Primary: <https://heslerton.n-yorks.sch.uk/>
- Rillington Primary: <https://www.rillingtonprimaryschool.org/>