

Mackintosh Times

Welcome to the November edition of the Mackintosh Times newsletter. Autumn has well and truly set in and before we know it, it will be Christmas! Sorry this newsletter is shorter than usual, but it is primarily to let you know of our upcoming social events.

Social Events

All residents, friends and family are welcome to attend. The events are in the Community Room, at Waterhouse Homes, unless stated otherwise.

28th November at 10:30am – Police Horse Talk with David Hardcastle from the Mobile Police Museum.

4th December at 10:00am- The children from All Saints School Choir are coming to sing Christmas Carols for us. Please come along and support them, if you can.

6th December at 11:00am Mackintosh Homes- City of Bradford Brass Band

12th December 10:30am - Christmas Jumper Coffee Morning with handmade crafts. Come along in your Christmas jumper and enjoy Christmas crafts, a raffle and a cup of tea! All proceeds to Overgate Hospice.

14th December 3:00pm - HATY have agreed to come and sing/perform for us again!



Upcoming Events

November 28

10:30am Police Horse Talk

December 4

10:00am All Saints Choir

December 6

City of Bradford Brass Band
– Mackintosh Homes

December 12

10:30am Christmas Coffee Morning

December 14

3:00pm HATY performance

December 15

2:00pm Christmas Church Service

December 19

10:30am Coffee morning

15th December 2:00pm - Christmas Church Service with David Carpenter from the Halifax Minster. Hot drinks and mince pies/ Christmas cake will be available after the service.

19th December 10:30am- Coffee morning with mince pies and Christmas cake.

Local activities/ events

Christmas Tree Festival Halifax Minster

The Halifax Minster is proud to announce their 8th Christmas Tree Festival. Waterhouse and Mackintosh Homes have sponsored a tree so why not pop down and have a look at our tree and all the other amazing trees!

The festival runs from Friday 5th to Monday 8th December 2025 and is open to the public from 10am-4pm daily. Please note on Sunday 7th December it opens later, at 12pm, after the Morning Service.

Activities, live music and refreshments are available. Booking isn't necessary and entry is £3.00 for Adults and Children are free.

Sight Support Calderdale

Halifax Society for the Blind have been supporting people with sight loss since 1888. In September 2025 they rebranded from Halifax Society for the Blind to Sight Support Calderdale. The same independent local charity with the same team, values and commitment, under a name that better reflects the sight loss community they support across Calderdale.

Sight Support Calderdale provides advice, activities and emotional support to help people with sight loss within Calderdale to stay independent, connected and confident. From peer groups and technology training to home visits and practical aids, they are here for you and your family every step of the way.

Sight Support Calderdale are based at 7 Southgate, in Halifax, where they have their Sight Centre—an accessible, hands-on space offering impartial advice and guided

demonstrations of vision aids and accessible technology. Visitors can explore magnifiers (handheld, stand and electronic), task lighting, daily-living and kitchen tools, accessible phones and audio players, talking clocks and watches, and leisure items; we also maintain a donation table with good value pre-owned equipment.

You can also contact them by calling 01422 352383/ 07927 029940 or emailing info@sightsupportcalderdale.org.uk

The Maurice Jagger Centre

The Maurice Jagger is located opposite the bus station, down Winding Road, and has a function room which hosts a variety of activities. They hold a very popular lunch club every Wednesday and Thursday, with the exception of 6 weeks a year- when they give their hard working volunteers a well-deserved break. The cost of the 3 course lunch is around £6.00 and consists of soup, a main course dessert and tea/coffee. You do have to book, as it is not a walk in service, and they can be contacted on 01422 364691. They do also offer a transport service, but this does have a small cost and also needs to be booked in advance.

If you want any further information or would like us to contact them on your behalf, please let us know.

The AccessBus

AccessBus is a dial-a-ride service providing door-to-door local transport, seven days a week between 9am and 5pm.

The driver assists passengers from door to door, including boarding and alighting. The buses are fully accessible, fitted with seatbelts and the most up to date wheelchair restraints.

Travel is restricted to local journeys and most are for shopping purposes such as to the local supermarket. They do provide a limited number of journeys for social purposes such as local community centres, places of worship and visits to family and friends.

It is unlikely that AccessBus will be able to cater for day and time-specific requests and, to make best use of vehicles, they serve certain areas on set days, allocating places to customers to travel on the day when the bus is in their area.

Anyone of any age can register for AccessBus. To register you can call them on 0113 3481903, Monday to Friday between 7.30am and 4.00pm. You can also print an application online on the WyMetro website (or ask Cath to print this for you).

Once you are registered you receive a welcome letter with a reference number and details of how to book the service. They make reservation bookings a maximum of 6 days and a minimum of two days in advance of travel.

People with ENCTS permits, such as Senior, Disabled or Blind persons pass travel FREE.

For other adults there is a flat fare of £3.00 each way.