Chirnside Village Flyer

Happy New Year to everyone from the Common Good Committee.

Thanks to all who helped with the Christmas lights, it has not been without its challenges this year with the tree lights being broken twice, sockets and switches being replaced and volunteers to help being but a few.
We eventually managed to fully brighten the skies in Chirnside ready for Christmas Day
Thank you to Mordington for the donation of the beautiful tree, Greenvale and Edington Mains for the loan of their telehandler and trailer and to the mighty few that came out to hold ladders and secure the lights.

2026 is looking uncertain on the international stage but hopefully a little more settled here closer to home.
We wish everyone a happy and prosperous new year.

If you would like any thing advertised or mentioned to the villagers and wider community just let us know and we can see about getting it in the leaflet and into more than 850 homes.

History Group

The group organizes talks on the 3rd Monday of the month in the Parish Church Hall at 7.30pm to do with the history and life of the people of Chirnside and the local area. All welcome to attend

Talks coming up

February 16th– Angola in my Heart, Margaret Skea

March 16th– Cocklawburn Industrial Archaeology, Sandra Gann

April 20th– Griselle Baillie of Marchmont, Lesley Abernethy

Chirnside Christmas Lights

We have a few extra strings of building lights just like the ones we drape around the Beacon, Chippy, Red Lion, Community Centre and Bowling Club. Would there be anyone else on Main Street that would like to have a string on their home to extend the ones we have?
All we ask for is that you would be happy to have an external socket on your property to power them and ideally some eyelets to cable tie the lights to. The lights are all LED and would be on a timer so low power. We would put the lights up at the same time as the rest generally at the end of November and take them down in January again.
If you have a property and would be interested in joining in the festivities please let us know on info@chirnsidecommongood.org

Horticultural Society

Come and join in the potato challenge, every year the Horticultural Society put on a challenge.
On Saturday the 11th of April between 10-12 come and pick up your bucket and seed potato for £1.
The idea is that you plant it in what ever compost or soil you want and grow it into a wonderful plant.
In August bring the bucket with plant in to have your potato produce weighed and you could win a prize.
They will also be having a plant sale in May and then the Flower Show will be at the end of August. Come and support the Horti in their growing endeavours.

CHIRNSIDE CIVIC WEEK

2026 SAVE THE DATES

JANUARY
FRIDAY 30TH - BINGO AT THE BOWLING CLUB

FEBRUARY
FRIDAY 27TH - BINGO AT THE BOWLING CLUB

MARCH
SUNDAY 1ST MARCH - KIDS OF THE COURT SPONSORED WALK
SATURDAY 21ST- RACE NIGHT AT THE RED LION
FRIDAY 27TH - BINGO AT THE BOWLING CLUB

APRIL
SUNDAY 26TH - CAR TREASURE HUNT
FRIDAY 24TH - BINGO AT THE BOWLING CLUB

MAY
24TH - CIVIC WEEK BEGINS

Civic Week

The 2026 court have been picked, congratulations to Charlotte McDonald who will be Queen and everyone else who has been picked for this special honour.
Civic will be kicking off on the **24th of May** running to the 30th. More information will follow
If anyone wants to get involved and help out with Civic week and the hard work they put in all year around get in touch on their FB or let us know and we will put you in touch

Heating Oil Buying Consortium

The idea is to make heating oil cheaper for all by bulk ordering fuel. Everyone pays individually for their delivery but at the bulk price. If interested contact chirnsidepete@gmail.com for more information.

Sporting Memories Brew and Blether



Join us if you love all things sports related from football, rugby, tennis, bowling, motorsport or another sport. If you played, coached, watched, come along and meet like minded people and enjoy a brew and blether. We'll have guest speakers on occasion to share their stories with us.

Date: 3rd Tuesday of the month.

Time: 10.30am to 12.30pm

Location: The Loaning (Trust Housing) Chirnside. TD11 3YE

For more information, please contact, Tel: 01573 400324

Email: Border@alzscot.org

Alzheimer Scotland Action on Dementia

Our community groups are there to be enjoyed by anyone living within the area of experiencing difficulties with their memory, but families and friends also benefit from the support and information they provide. Everyone is welcome to attend and there is no charge for them. We don't provide transport to these groups but if you require assistance to get to and from the community group safely, please contact your local Dementia Adviser to discuss your options.

www.alzscot.org/dementia-advisers

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CHIRNSIDE COMMON GOOD ASSOCIATION

BLACKHILL WINDFARM COMMUNITY FUND

Entry of events is subject to space and we cannot guarantee to include all listing requests. Listings have been collated in good faith, we make every effort to ensure the accuracy of the information published but we cannot be held responsible for any consequences arising from errors or omissions. If you would like to get involved or have an idea of something to include, please don't hesitate to contact us at (info@chirnsidecommongood.org) This Flyer was Produced by: **Chirnside Common Good Association SCIO. Scottish Charity No. SC051238**

Motor Bikes around the Loanings

These public footpaths are only designated for pedestrians and non motorised vehicles.
There have been a number of residents walking these paths to the North of the village, having to avoid people on motor bikes.
Please keep motorbikes off the paths for everyone's safety. Dogs, children as well as older residents are not able to get out of the way quickly and someone will be seriously injured.
Please make sure you have permission from the landowner to ride on the farm land.

Veterans Group

Calling all Veterans and serving Personnel.
Duns has a Branch of the Legion and everyone is eligible to join. It is open to everyone, not just military.
The Veterans host a Breakfast Club every Saturday at 0900 to 1000 in the White Swan Duns. All Veterans are invited to join us and have a chat with other Veterans.
For more information, contact Noel on 07845561643.



Chirnside Community Centre

The Community Centre as per usual have a full diary of things come and join in,

IT support every other Monday starting from the 19th January, any computer issues welcome.

1.30-3.30pm

Community Lunch 3rd Wednesday of the month.

Next one the 18th Feb

Berwick Male Voice Choir,

Friday March 6th Evening Show

FAQ for the GPs

MERSE MEDICAL PRACTICE

1. How do I order a prescription?

- **Online:** Use our online services via www.mersemedicalpractice.co.uk.
- **In Person:** Drop your repeat slip into the prescription box at reception or the pharmacy.

Managed Repeat Service: Local pharmacies offer a managed repeat prescription service for patients who are **housebound** or **do not use the internet**. Ask your pharmacy for details.
Important Information:

- Please allow **7 working days** before collecting from the pharmacy.
- Hospital prescriptions may take longer to process as we need to wait on the hospital writing to us.

2. How do I make an appointment?

By Phone: Call reception on **01361 885 030** during opening hours.
Types of Appointments:

- **Routine:** Book in advance for non-urgent issues Please call after 10:00 AM.
- **Urgent/Same Day:** Call 8am in the morning for availability.

Home Visits: Available for housebound patients. Please call before 10:00 AM.
Additional Information:

- **Cancellation:** Please cancel as soon as possible if you cannot attend.
  For minor ailments, consider pharmacy advice or visit NHS inform.

3. How do I get my test results?

By Phone: Call reception on **01361 885 030** after **10:00 AM** when lines are less busy.
Important Information:

- We will contact you if your results require follow-up.
- Most results are available within **7–10 days**.
- Some tests (e.g., scans) may take longer.
- Results are only given to the patient or an authorized person for confidentiality
- The practice cannot give results if they test were requested by the hospital.

4. General Information

- **Website:** www.mersemedicalpractice.co.uk
- **Phone: 01361 885 030**
- **Opening Hours:** Monday–Friday: 8:30-1PM, 1:30 – 6:00PM
- **Medical Emergencies:** Call **999** or go to A&E.
- **Out of Hours:** Call **NHS 111** for urgent advice.
- **Online Services Registration:** Ask reception for help setting up patient access.
- **Accessibility:** We provide support for patients with disabilities and language needs—please let us know if you require assistance.

Saturday 31st January, 10-12
Coffee Morning Indoor Market
Chirnside Community Centre

Wednesday 11th February 7.30pm,
Kyle Howie BagPipe Evening, donations welcome
Allanton Village Hall, Teas and Coffees

Monday 16th February 7.15pm
History Group Talk, Angola in my Heart
Chirnside Parish Church Hall

Thursday 19th February 2pm,
SWI, Guide Dogs for the Blind talk
Chirnside Community Centre

Saturday 28th February 10-12
Chirnside Indoor Market
Chirnside Community Centre

Friday 6th March Evening
Berwick Male Voice Choir
Chirnside Community Centre

Friday 13th March, 4-7pm
Southfield Community Centre Open Day
Southfield Community Centre, Duns

Monday 16th March, 7pm
Chirnside Horticultural Society Meeting
Chirnside Community Centre

Monday 16th March, 7.15pm
History Group Talk, Cocklawburn Archaeology
Chirnside Community Centre,

Thursday 19th March, 2pm
SWI, Quick Draw Chalk Painting Session
Chirnside Community Centre

Saturday 28th March
Chirnside Indoor Market
Chirnside Community Centre

Saturday 28th March 8pm
Bruce Fummey, Scotland Made the World
Heart for Duns, tickets available

Saturday 11th April, 10am-12
Pick up your Potato for the Challenge
Crosshill Carpark

Thursday 16th April 7.15pm
SWI, Sea the Change Talk
Chirnside Community Centre

Monday 20th April, 7.15pm
History Group Talk, Griselle Ballie of Marchmont
Chirnside Community Centre

Saturday 25th April,
Chirnside Indoor Market
Chirnside Community Centre

Chirnside Community Centre regulars.
IT Drop in help, twice monthly Mondays 1.30-3.30,
Indoor Market, last Saturday of each month 10am-2pm
Larder Open, Monday, Wednesday & Fridays 10-12