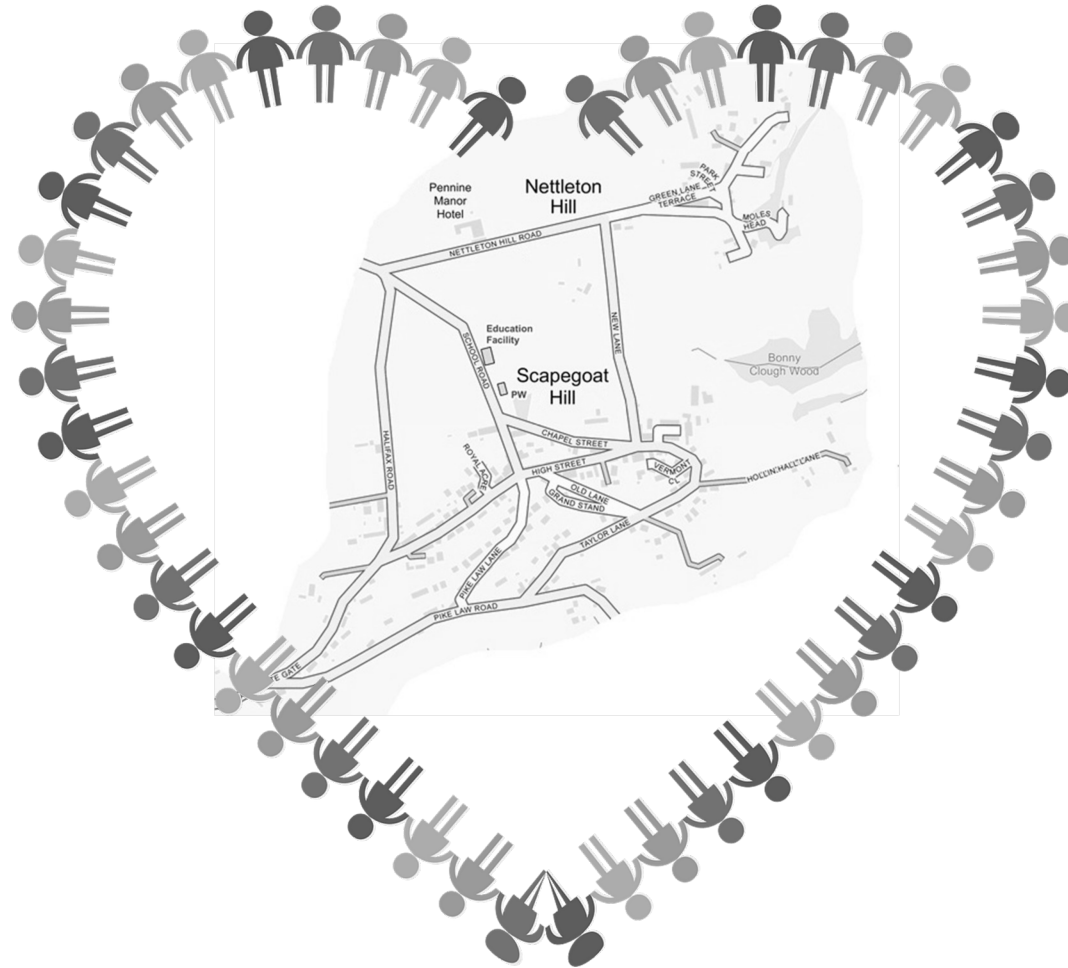
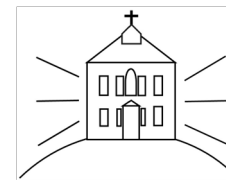
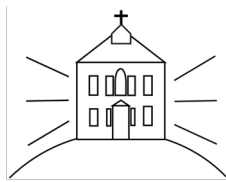


Scapegoat Hill & Nettleton Hill Church & Community Newsletter September 2025



Community is much more than belonging to something;
it's about doing something together that makes belonging matter



Scapegoat Hill Baptist Church

Our Vision

As a family of believers, we aim to bring the message of Jesus to our community in a relevant, meaningful and friendly way, building bridges of faith and hope on the journey of life.

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**YOUR NEAREST
DEFIBRILLATOR
IS LOCATED**

	Scape School—Outside on school wall Nettleton Hill—Outside at triangle in middle of village Liberal Club—Outside the club Scape Church - Inside church in the Deacons Room - front right	
Defibrillator		Defibrillator

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Church Chatter

Life has a rhythm just like your heartbeat, and nature never loses balance with it unlike us humans. Spring, summer, autumn, and winter. There are times when everything feels fresh and new—a human “spring,” when opportunities open up, ideas come alive, and hope feels real again. Hope, remember that word? Then comes “summer,” those months of sun when things seem to be flying high often literally, when friendships, relationships, or family life are full of energy and joy.

But seasons change, we all know what it’s like to face an “autumn,” when outlooks shift, when we must let go of something we once held tightly. Maybe it’s a job, a stage of life, a relationship perhaps, or letting go of a child’s hand on their first day of school? Letting go isn’t easy, but those times can make space for new opportunities, not to mention the beauty of the vibrant Autumn colours.

“Winter” Follows. A time when life feels cold, harsh, uncertain or even full of pressure. But just like in nature, winter contains beauty. It’s when roots grow deeper; something is being prepared, even if we can’t always see it.

No season lasts forever, and none are wasted. Each one teaches us something—patience, gratitude, resilience and perspective. If you can see life through the lens of seasons, you’ll find that even the hardest moments are shaping us, preparing us, and carrying us toward what’s next. All part of God’s plan? Honestly, why do we doubt Him?

Scape Nature Group

Nature is struggling, and the world doesn't seem to be listening to what nature has to say. Rather than thinking there's nothing we can do, we are doing what we can in our small way to help our local wildlife and make the village more attractive for everyone.

We would love to see the village come together for wildlife, old and young everyone is welcome to get involved. It's a great way to improve your wellbeing and get to know your neighbours and do your bit to help nature recover. Let's get our village buzzing again.

How it all started: Mary and Glen of Urban Tree Huggers Tree Planting Group, have been planting trees for about five years now but the tree planting season is from October until March so we wanted to do something to help nature and the environment during the summer months.

Our first attempt was a 'Get Scape buzzing' idea, in 2024 where we intended to get the villagers involved in growing wildflowers and pollinator friendly perennials and setting up a plant swop. After chatting to a few of the locals, most seemed too busy and we struggled to get much interest. However we continued growing pollinator friendly plants which we distributed to four local schools.



Fast forward to this year when we planted approximately 300 tree saplings at Scapegoat Hill junior school and got chatting to Claire Lodge and Jo Baxter, from Scapegoat Hill Junior and infants school, who seemed very keen to get involved. After our initial meeting Scape Nature Group was formed. We then chatted to Simon, a deacon of Scape Baptist Church, who helped us with the tree planting and offered the church as a venue for a Wildlife gardening talk by Jo Rawson from The Yorkshire Wildlife Trust, which turned out to be a very successful evening.

Our first project as Scape Nature group was the Scape House pub car park, planting wildflower plants and seeds and a couple of trees and trying to get rid of the docks and mugwort that had taken control. It's looking much better but it's an ongoing project that we will have to keep working on. Now we have new tenants in the pub we're hoping to get them involved as well.

Our next project is to plant a wildlife friendly hedgerow in the graveyard, with hawthorn , hazel rowan and dog rose, and also a strip of wildflowers at the side of the hedgerow.

We want to provide a year round source of food for pollinators and create a more natural environment for birds and other visiting wildlife.

Nature has been degraded to such an extent that our country is one of the most nature depleted countries in the world with one in six species at risk of being lost from Great Britain

Bees, other pollinators, and wildlife needs our help. Pollinators like bees are one of the species in decline and struggling because of habitat loss due to increased urbanisation and industry, the intensification of agriculture, the heavy use of pesticides and herbicides and loss of hedgerows and wildflower meadows.



However, Britain has 22 million gardens.

If everyone in Britain planted nectar and pollen rich flowering plants in their gardens and provided refuges by creating and protecting potential nesting sites, we could help our wildlife recover.

Email news@scape.church to join the Scape Nature WhatsApp group and get involved

SEPTEMBER

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
1 Ladies Fellowship 2pm	2 School Reopens	3	4 School Swimming
8	9 Deacons Meeting 6pm School Bikeability	10 Craft & Chat 2pm School Bikeability ESCAPE launch party 6pm - 7.30pm	11
15	16	17	18
22	23 Deacons Prayer Meeting 6pm	24 Craft & Chat 2pm ESCAPE 1-2-3	25
29	30		

Contact news@scape.church to include a community date in a future calendar / To

BER 2025

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Trimming Starts	5	6	7 Family Service 10.30am Simon Shaw Church Flowers Judy & Di
	12 Worship Evening 7pm	13 Prayer Breakfast 9am	14 Communion Service 10.30am Liz Hardy Church Flowers In loving memory of a dear Mum, Dad and Brother, Grandma and Grandad - Pauline, John & Family
	19 Prayer Evening 6pm	20 Church Men's Boat Trip—Skipton School Open Day and Autumn Fair 11am - 2pm	21 Family Service 10.30am Steve Daniel
	26 Brian Holmes Memorial Choir Concert 7pm	27	28 Sunday Service 10.30am Canon Kevin Partington

To donate flowers in church to remember a loved one contact news@scape.church

SCAPEGOAT HILL JUNIOR AND INFANT SCHOOL



SATURDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER

11:00AM – 2:00PM

Bring the whole family to look around the school, a chance to chat to staff and parents!

SCHOOL TOURS
GAMES & ACTIVITIES
BOUNCY CASTLE
UNIFORM EXCHANGE
TOMBOLAS
FOOD & REFRESHMENTS

Come and explore our fabulous new playground, fundraised by FOSS!

OPEN DAY STALLS **BBQ**


SCAPEGOAT HILL SCHOOL

Get in early, scan QR code & book a guided tour



Ofsted
GRADED
GOOD

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We hope everyone has had a lovely, safe and relaxing summer. I'm sure the children are looking forward to returning to school, reconnecting with their friends and continuing their learning journey.

After a busy year—especially with our Ofsted inspection in June—our staff certainly deserved a well-earned rest. We're pleased to share that the inspection was a positive experience and we're delighted to announce that we continue to be rated as a Good school. A huge thank you to all our staff, governors, children and families for their ongoing support.

The start of a new school year is always an exciting time and we're especially thrilled to welcome our new Reception children to our school community. We know they're excited to make new friends, meet their teachers and proudly wear their new school uniforms. I'm sure we all remember that special first day and we wish them the very best as they begin their journey with us.

We're also thrilled to share that the new playground equipment was installed over the summer holidays—and I'm sure you'll agree it looks absolutely fantastic!

A huge thank you goes first and foremost to FOSS (our PTA) who worked tirelessly to achieve this fundraising goal. We're also incredibly grateful to the Baptist Church, our school community and the wider community of Scapegoat Hill for their invaluable and steadfast support.

The children are sure to be excited to try it out! There's something for everyone—from Reception to Year 6—to enjoy, stay active and have fun.

We're also looking forward to a few exciting events this autumn!

On Saturday 20th September, we'll be holding our Autumn Fair which will also include an Open Day for prospective parents to come and see our wonderful school in action. Please see the poster attached—and do come along and join us!

We're also looking forward to joining the church for our Harvest Celebration on Tuesday 14th October at 2:30pm and later in the term, we'll be holding a Remembrance Service on Tuesday 11th November at 10:30am.

We hope to see many of you at these special events as we come together to celebrate and reflect as a school community.

Best wishes Miss Shackleton

Puzzle Page

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I'm not a blanket,
yet I cover the
ground; a crystal
from heaven that
doesn't make a
sound. What am I?

DUCK	SWIFT	AVOCET	SWALLOW
SWAN	FINCH	CURLEW	NIGHTJAR
QUAIL	TURKEY	SPARROW	SANDPIPER
GREBE	CUCKOO		

I am easy to lift,
but hard to
throw.
What am I?

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Following a recent rise in thefts of Fiat 500s – particularly in areas of Huddersfield and Kirklees rural, please find some crime prevention tips to protect your vehicle:

1. Physical Security Devices

Steering wheel locks, pedal boxes, slam locks and gearstick locks are highly recommended. Choose models that are Sold Secure or Thatcham-approved.

Driveway posts and bollards can deter theft from private property.

OBD port locks help prevent thieves from reprogramming keys via the car's diagnostic ports.

2. Keyless Entry Protection

Fiat 500s with keyless entry are vulnerable to relay attacks. Use a Faraday pouch or a metal box to block signals.

Keep keys away from doors and windows to prevent 'fishing' thefts through letter-boxes.

3. Tracking and recovery

Install a GPS tracker or use Airtags hidden in the vehicle to aid recovery if stolen.

Consider a Thatcham-rated alarm system with immobilisation and motion sensors.

4. Parking Advice

Park in well-lit, visible, and CCTV monitored areas.

If possible park your car inside a garage or on a driveway with a closable/lockable gate.

Use Park Mark-accredited car parks for added security.

5. General Best Practices

Always double-check that your car is locked – don't rely solely on the key fob.

Never leave the car running unattended, especially during winter defrosting, or when nipping into a shop/paying for fuel.

Remove valuables and electronics like sat-navs and infotainment systems.

*Email news@scape.church to join the Neighbourhood Watch WhatsApp group
Find more information at wypcommunityalert.co.uk*

YEAR 2 - LAUNCH EVENT

PARTY

& DISCO

with DJ Andrew

from PARTY MANIA DISCOS

Wednesday 10th September

6PM - 7.30PM

including food



ESCAPE
1-2-3

escape@escape.church

Escape is part of the children's ministry at Scapegoat Hill Baptist Church