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## Welcome to our October Market

Enjoy the autumn season with delicious food, art and beauty at the Hovingham Village Market





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Hello Beer Lovers.

A very warm welcome to our new guest stall,

**Horsetown Brewery** from Malton





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Our October **Community Café** is run by **Scackleton Church** for cakes, bakes, butties, soup and more





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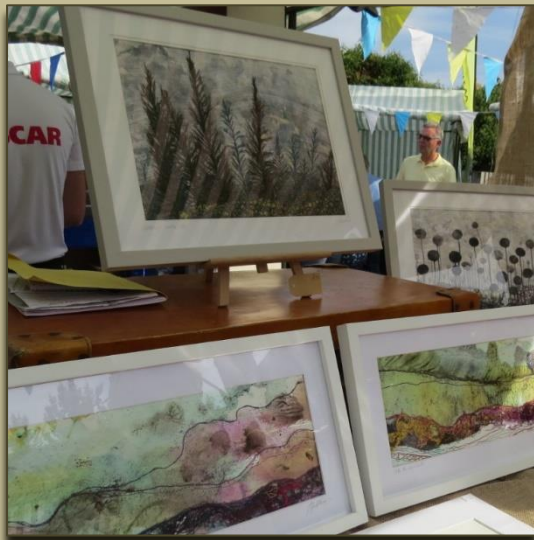
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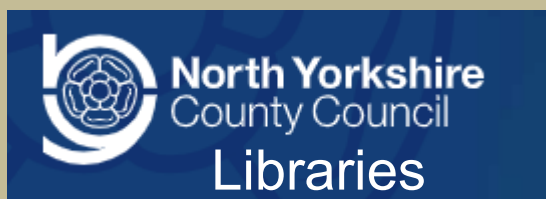


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A warm welcome to our Community Stalls:

Kirkbymoorside Library

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Congratulations and good luck to Sarah of **Puckett's Pickles** who has reached the finals in the savoury preserve category of the Great British Food Awards.

Sarah has also been shortlisted for the Forward Ladies National Award in the Start Up of the Year category.

What's the recipe for Sarah's success? Read more in the [Yorkshire Post Producer Profile](#)





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Find out about tree dedications and what inspires **Make It Wild** in this Yorkshire Life editorial and feature

## Editor's comment



Helen and Christopher Neave

I have nothing but admiration for Helen and Christopher Neave. They have created 25 acres of woodland heaven on the outskirts of Kirkhamerton between Harrogate and York without the slightest bit of ecological experience behind them. Instead they are driven by a long-time interest in the environment.

'We had always liked the idea of creating something special and suddenly we found ourselves in a position to be able to buy a bit of land. We had this nugget of an idea and it has quite literally grown and grown,' says Christopher.

That something special is woodland with 18,000 trees and more than seven acres of wild flowers. Butterflies and dragonflies dart around. The

sound of birdsong fills the air while the River Nidd bubbles by.

Commonsense told them they ought to get some expert advice and that came from the Woodland Trust who gave guidance and introduced them to other groups who could help such as the Forestry Commission and Environment Agency. I'm inspired and I hope you might be by their full story on page 68. Here is more inspiration in the shape of the Yorkshire Food & Drink Awards 2018. We celebrate with winners and guests at a gala dinner at Ridding Park, Harrogate this month. The innovation, talent and commitment to providing some of the finest hospitality in the country, let alone the county, make a huge difference and contribution to the wellbeing and

future of Yorkshire. And we are committed to championing those efforts. My special thanks to all of you who took the time to tell us about your favourite places to eat, drink and stay in the county, please continue to keep us posted about your experiences. They are invaluable.

And grateful thanks too, to our team of judges and our sponsors and suppliers. Without their support we would not be celebrating some amazing achievements.

Have a great month ♦



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## MEET OUR CONTRIBUTORS



### Jo Haywood

Jo has been out and about on food stories for us this month and I wonder if she'll be trying out some of those goats' milk recipes on page 38.



### Richard Darn

We sent Richard wading into the devolution story this month because he has a sense of history which often holds a clue to the future.



### Wendy Pratt

Our coastal columnist introduces us to her latest flame... a ginger one at that. Pats are important part of her life, she explains why.

## Golden promise

A nugget of an idea has turned into a varied and rich habitat for wildlife

New woodland has been created by a couple who changed careers to care for the environment. Helen and Christopher Neave have planted 18,000 trees and more than seven acres of wild flowers on rough pasture on the outskirts of Kirkhamerton between York and Harrogate. Butterflies and dragonflies dart around and the sound of birdsong fills the air while the River Nidd bubbles by.

Neither Chris nor Helen has an ecological background but they had a clear idea of what they wanted to achieve when they bought the land. Chris, who founded a laser eye surgery and is now a director of a plastic recycling company, said: 'I've always had an interest in the environment. One of my earliest memories was watching TV programmes about the natural

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world. Learning about all the different species and the fact we share this place with them enthralled me. I hate the idea that we as a race are stopping them having a place to live because we are constantly encroaching on their space. We had always liked the idea of creating something special and suddenly we found ourselves in a position to be able to buy a bit of land. We had this nugget of an idea and it has quite literally grown and grown.

'It's rewarding to think we are providing a habitat to species that might be struggling a little. Planting trees was a shortcut to creating a varied and rich habitat', Chris and Helen sought advice from the Woodland Trust. The



they are in need of more water but these young wetlands have already attracted frogs, and it is hoped other amphibians and wading birds will follow.

Helen, a former consultant car, nose and throat surgeon, said: 'It's amazing how quickly animals and birds move in once you create a home for them. Just listen to the birds – apart from a lone owl they weren't here before because there was nothing for them. Now you can easily hear five or six species at the same time, and see red kites and buzzards flying overhead.'

Chris and Helen have just bought a second piece of land, Bank Woods, a 111-acre site of ancient woodland and grass pasture near Harrogate, and are working with the Woodland Trust to plant more trees.

They graze sheep borrowed from friends and a small herd of Belted Galloways bought on impulse at market without thinking how they would be able to get them to their new home. 'Their aim is to reconnect the ancient woodlands to establish a really vibrant mix of habitats. Grazing with small numbers of native breed cattle will help in this process.'

Like Kirkhamerton, Bank Woods is open to the public and is run on a business footing under the name Make It Wild. Chris and Helen also run an online shop specialising in ethical organic products. 'We are very lucky to have been able to realise our dream of creating something that does so much good for the wildlife around us,' said Chris. 'We have learned such a lot, most notably that you can't change nature; you can only work with it. We hope we've done that successfully and are proud to be able to share the results more widely.' ♦

charity's partnerships manager. Pete Lesson gave guidance on site preparation, wildflower seeding and tree species as well suggesting other sources of help such as the Forestry Commission and Environment Agency.

Helen and Chris had seen the Forest of Flowers wildflower project, a 74-acre wildflower woodland we created with a farmer near York and knew that's what they wanted,' Pete said.

A huge plough was used to turn over up to a metre depth of soil and wildflowers sown for ground cover.

Of the couple's 18,000 trees, 2,300 are from the Woodland Trust. Unplanted areas and paths were marked out with stakes and a wildflower mix sown among them. A perfectly circular clearing mapped out the old fashioned way with a length of string, was created as were sections for picnics and wildlife.

New additions to the site, known as the Sylvan Nature Reserve, and open to the public, include seven ponds and scrapes. The recent beaver means

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Christopher  
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Look out for Butterflies Chocolates with their new range of truffles at the October market and the launch of boxes of chocolates with exciting new flavours: the result of months of product development. Oh, to be a chocolate taster!



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Tickets will be on sale for the Atlantic Odyssey.

Local residents, Fiona and Michael Bennett who sailed their 38 foot yacht across the Atlantic will share their experiences in an illustrated talk and film on Friday 12th October, 7pm.

Funds raised will go towards the village clock appeal. Tickets are £10 which include a fish, chip and mushy pea supper.





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...and now our news. We are pleased to announce that the Hovingham Village Market are finalists in the **Yorkshire Post Rural Awards, Community Group of the Year** category.

Thank you for your continued support and making the Hovingham Village Market special.



Our October **Market Manager** is **Tony Mathé**





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# The Hovingham Village Market



## National & Local Awards achieved:

Finalist Yorkshire Post Rural Community Group of 2018  
Finalist North Yorkshire's Best Community Project 2015  
The Duke of York's Community Initiative 2014  
Best Ryedale Rural Community Group 2012  
Yorkshire Life - Farmers' Market of the Year 2012  
Countryside Alliance - Yorkshire Enterprise Winner 2012  
Best Ryedale Rural Community Group 2011  
NMTF Britain's Most Improved Green Market 2011  
Best Ryedale Rural Community Project 2011  
NMTF Britain's Greenest Market 2010

## 2018 Markets

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3<sup>rd</sup> November  
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15<sup>th</sup> December

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