



Welcome to the Parish of Bilton-in-Ainsty with Bickerton

A Guide to Facilities & Services  
within the Parish

Produced by the Parish Council

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## Representatives of Local and Central Government:

The Parish Council meets every third Monday of the month, except August and December. The agenda is posted on the Notice Boards in each village and on the website.

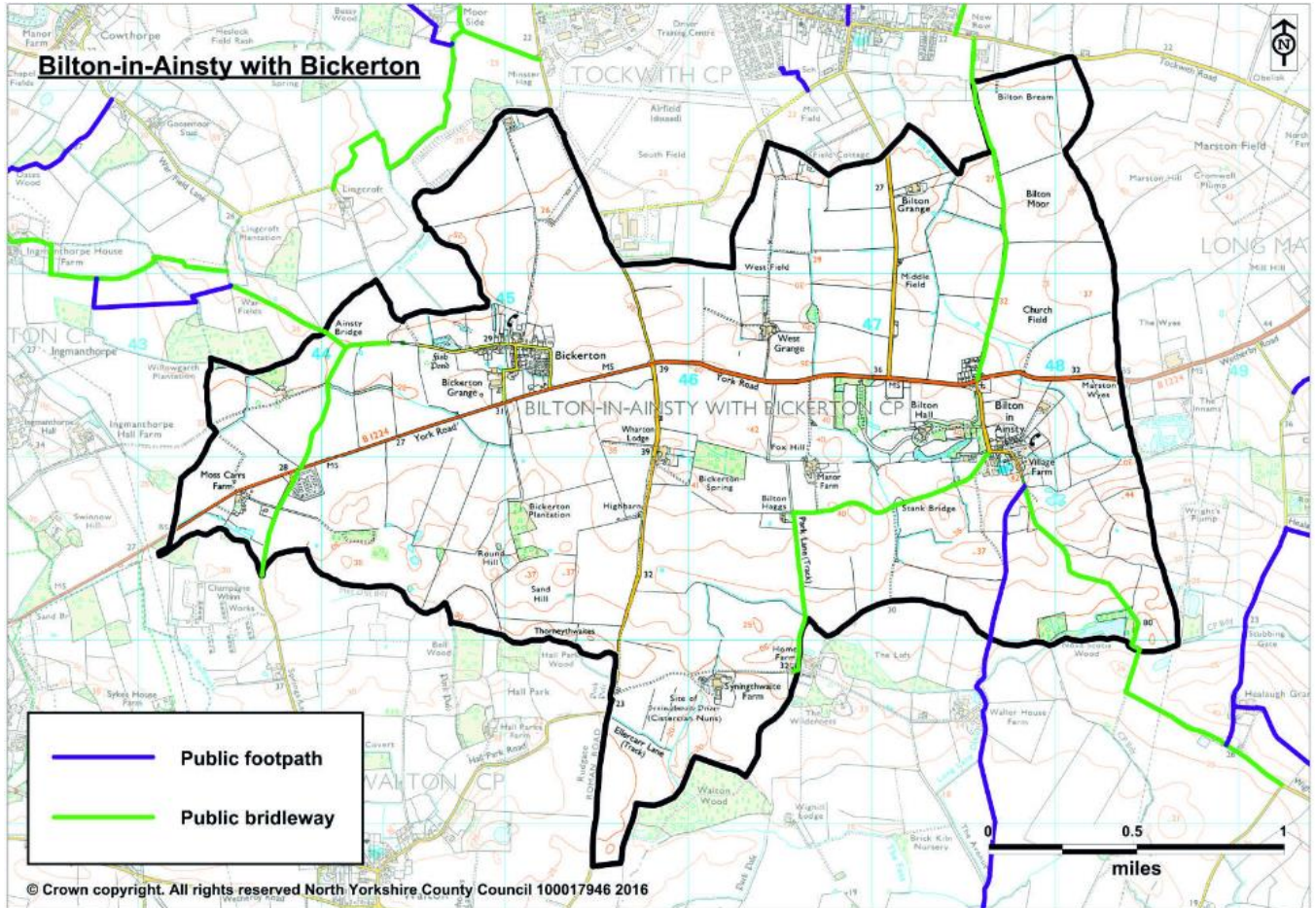
Members of the public are welcome to attend the meetings and may ask questions or make statements on the business of the Parish Council. Notice of the question should be given at least seven working days prior to the meeting. At the discretion of the Chairman, questions or statements may be made at shorter notice. No member of the public may speak for more than three minutes, or for any other part of the meeting. The maximum time allowed for this part of the meeting is 15 minutes.

The Parish Council has certain powers in law and works directly with the District and County Councils on matters relating to such things as planning, highways (which includes Rights of Way) and the environment generally.

Detail of all Councillors and Representatives of Local Government can be found on the following link:

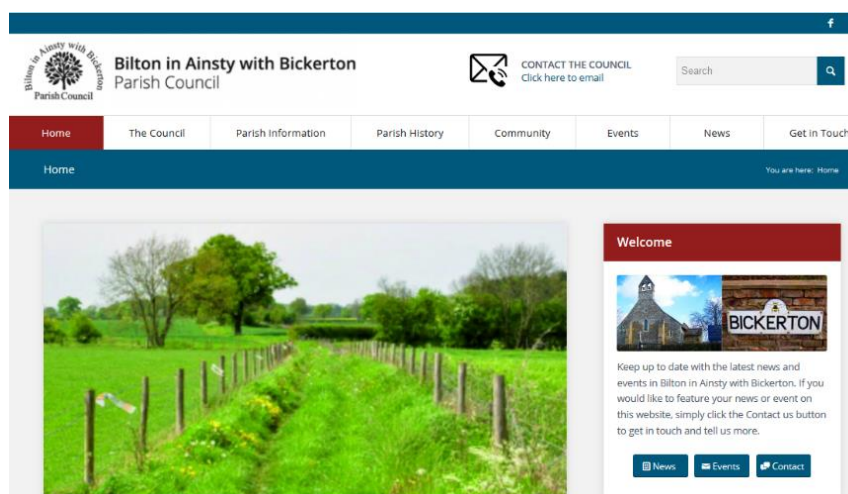
<https://www.biltoninainstywithbickerton-pc.gov.uk/the-council/councillors>

# Parish Boundary Map



## Parish Council Website

<https://www.biltoninainstywithbickerton-pc.gov.uk/>



## Parish Council Facebook Page



<https://www.facebook.com/groups/525799651198276>

## Local primary and secondary schools

Please find below contact details for local primary, secondary schools and pre-school. There are numerous other schools available in the surrounding area.

<b>Tockwith Primary School,</b> Tockwith, York <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="http://tockwith.ebor.academy">tockwith.ebor.academy</a></li><li>• 01423 358375</li></ul>	<b>King James High School,</b> Knaresborough, Nr Harrogate <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="http://www.king-james.co.uk">www.king-james.co.uk</a></li><li>• 01423 866061</li></ul>	<b>Tadcaster Grammar School,</b> Tadcaster, Nr Leeds <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="http://tgs.starmat.uk">http://tgs.starmat.uk</a></li><li>• 01937 833466</li></ul>
<b>Long Marston Playgroup</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 01423 358829</li></ul>	<b>Tockwith Under 5's</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 07515 385956</li></ul>	<b>Tick Tock &amp; Kidzone</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 01423 358188</li></ul>

## Doctors, Hospitals, Dentists, Vets

<p><i>Doctors Surgeries</i></p> <p><b>Springbank Surgery</b> Green Hammerton &amp; Tockwith</p> <p><b>Web:</b> <a href="http://www.springbanksurgery.co.uk">www.springbanksurgery.co.uk</a> <b>Tel:</b> 01423 330030</p>	<p><b>Crossley Street Surgery</b> Wetherby</p> <p><b>Web:</b> <a href="http://www.crossleystreetsurgery.co.uk">www.crossleystreetsurgery.co.uk</a> <b>Tel:</b> 01937 543200</p>
<p><i>Hospitals</i></p> <p><b>Harrogate District Hospital</b> <b>Tel:</b> 01423 885959</p> <p><b>Leeds General Infirmary</b> <b>Tel:</b> 0113 2432799</p>	<p><b>York District Hospital</b> <b>Tel:</b> 01904 631313</p>
<p><i>Dentists in Wetherby</i></p> <p><b>Ashby Dental Practice</b> <b>Tel:</b> 01937 580530</p> <p><b>Keith Morris &amp; Associates</b> <b>Tel:</b> 01937 583502</p>	<p><b>Hopkinson Dental Practice</b> <b>Tel:</b> 01937 583028</p>
<p><i>Vets Surgeries</i></p> <p><b>Westwood Veterinary Boston Spa</b> <b>Tel:</b> 01937 842210</p>	<p><b>Parkhill Vets Wetherby</b> <b>Tel:</b> 01937 582025</p>

## Public Transport

The villages are serviced by bus routes to both York and Wetherby. Please note these buses do not run in the evening or on Sundays.

**Update: Oct 2022 – Notice has been received that this service (route 412) is under threat of removal. TBA**

For the current timetable please go online at:

[www.wymetro.com](http://www.wymetro.com)

## Leisure Activities

<b>The Tickled Trout – Bilton in Ainsty</b>	T: 01423 359006
<b>Spotted Ox – Tockwith</b>	T: 01423 358387
<b>Boot &amp; Shoe – Tockwith</b>	T: 01423 258232
<b>Costcutter &amp; Post Office – Tockwith</b>	T 01423 359549
<b>Milk delivery in Bickerton</b>	T: 01937 833688
<b>Newspaper &amp; milk deliveries</b>	T: 01423 358591
<b>Bilton in Ainsty Cricket Club</b>	T: 01904 795828
<b>Tockwith Players Drama Group</b>	T: 01423 359378
<b>Tockwith Junior Football Club</b>	<a href="http://www.tockwithjuniors.com">www.tockwithjuniors.com</a>
<b>Village Chatter Bickerton CommunityGroup</b>	Admin: Denise@ajpromotions.co.uk pr Mikehanson5@btinternet.com

## Worship

<p><b><u>St Helens Church</u></b> Bilton in Ainsty</p> <p><a href="mailto:ruralainstyparish@gmail.com">ruralainstyparish@gmail.com</a></p> <p>For details of services visit: <a href="http://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/18852/">www.achurchnearyou.com/church/18852/</a></p> <p><b><u>Church of the Epiphany</u></b></p> <p>Tockwith <a href="http://www.tockwithchurch.co.uk">www.tockwithchurch.co.uk</a></p> <p>Vicar: Revd. Martin Otter</p> <p>The Vicarage, Rufforth, York YO23 3QT</p> <p>T: 07842 106044</p>	<p><b><u>St Josephs RC Church</u></b></p> <p>Wetherby <a href="http://www.stjosephs-wetherby.org.uk">www.stjosephs-wetherby.org.uk</a></p> <p>Reverend Monsignor Andrew Summersgill</p> <p>St Josephs Presbytery, 20 Westgate, Wetherby</p> <p>T: 01937 582283</p> <p><b><u>St Mary's Church</u></b></p> <p>Tadcaster <a href="http://www.stmarystadcaster.co.uk">www.stmarystadcaster.co.uk</a></p>
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## Parish History & Additional Information.

Bilton in Ainsty and Bickerton villages have been linked since Norman times. The Domesday Book (1086) states that the combined area was approximately 3 miles in length and 3 miles in breadth. Cultivated land was said to have been equivalent to "9 plough area", and the population was noted as including "8 villeins (feudal serfs) with 4 ploughs".



The Norman invaders took over Church administration in these parts around 1150 and probably commenced their work of reconstructing the Saxon church known as St Helens. Seven centuries later the renowned architect Sir Gilbert Scott was involved in the restoration of the church.

Bilton in Ainsty owes its name to the fact that the first settlement was on land farmed by a man called 'Bilo', with ton being added as a derivation from Saxon for village or farmstead. Bickerton means 'Bee Keeper Farm'.

Sometime during the 1500's the Wharton family, who had lived in Healaugh for centuries, bought a 470 acre estate which included Bickerton, Bilton Syningthwaite and Walton. Phillip, Fourth Lord Wharton, was a staunch puritan and did much to encourage the Church in the area.

This same area changes hands again in 1871, being bought by Mr A F W Montague of Wighill for £30,000.

In 1931, part of what formed 'The Ainsty Estate' including Ingmanthorpe Hall, parts of Bilton in Ainsty, Long Marston, Kirk Deighton, Wighill and Wetherby, plus the whole of Bickerton and Cowthorpe villages, was sold at auction.

Since 1994 most of Bilton in Ainsty village has enjoyed Conservation Area status. Today there are some 354 people shown on the Electoral Register living in about 168 dwellings, split between the villages.

## Present Day Context

The Parish of Bilton-in-Ainsty with Bickerton (The Parish) is a rural parish consisting of two separate villages with outlying farms. It extends to approximately 1219 hectares (3464 acres). Bilton in Ainsty and Bickerton have similar populations of 147 and 190 respectively, according to the electoral register, December 2006.

The Parish lies in North Yorkshire, although the western boundary of the Parish is the county boundary with West Yorkshire. It is in the area administered by Harrogate Borough Council.

The villages lie either side of the Wetherby to York Road (B1224). Rudgate, a Roman road, crosses the Wetherby-York Road and links Tadcaster with Boroughbridge.

Wetherby is the nearest town lying some 3 miles to the west of the parish, and the cities of York and Leeds are 10 and 17 miles, respectively. The A1 motorway runs 2 miles to the west.



A bus service between York and Wetherby runs along the B1224

Other than farms the only business premises are a garage on the Wetherby- York road and a public house in Bilton in Ainsty, The Tickled Trout. The nearest convenience store and Post Office is in Tockwith (2 miles) and the nearest supermarket is in Wetherby.

Further information and maps can be found on our website.

## Parish Notice Boards

There are Notice Boards located in each village. Please take time to look at these. They are updated regularly.

### BICKERTON

There are two notice boards. One is situated just before the red BT telephone box and the other is at the other end of Main Street outside Nemosyne.

### BILTON IN AINSTY

One notice board is situated at the entrance to Westlands near to The Tickled Trout and a second board is on Moor Lane.

If you wish to include any information on the notice boards please contact the Clerk to the Parish Council.

**And finally..... if you are new to the parish,  
a very warm welcome indeed.**

