

Halsall News



February 2024

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Billy.Matthews@lancashire.police.uk

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Elaine Ayre 07896 301322

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Lent



**Discussion with worship sessions
Tuesday evenings from 7.30pm to 9pm**

Millenium Centre, (St Thomas')
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20th and 27th February
5th, 12th and 19th March 2024

*".....do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?" (Micah 6:8)*

We will hear from groups and individuals about what Micah 6:8 means to them from the perspective of food poverty, racial justice and drug dependency.

Why not come along and hear their challenge to us in discerning what God is calling us to do in 2024.



There will be no **Christian Chatter** in February,
Please come to the Lent course instead.



The Rector Writes

“Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil”. Luke 4:1-2

The forty days and forty nights that Jesus spent in the wilderness are the blueprint for the season of Lent, and ever since then, Christians around the world have been challenged to think about how they mark the six weeks that directly precede Easter.

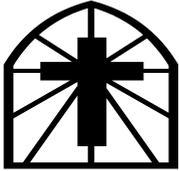
For many Lent is about deciding what to give up. The list is endless; chocolate, sugar, alcohol, coffee, mobile phones or tablets (by which I mean those hand-held computer devices) or swearing. Equally it might be about trying to be more disciplined in consciously slowing down for a short time each day or spending time reading the bible. Whatever we decide to do we need to do with our whole heart and with an expectation of being both challenged and surprised.

Pope Francis said, “Lent comes providentially to reawaken us, to shake us from our lethargy. Fasting makes sense if it really chips away at our security and, as a consequence, benefits someone else, if it helps us cultivate the style of the good Samaritan, who bent down to his brother in need and took care of him.”

So how will you approach Lent in 2024? In addition to your own Lenten discipline, what about committing to learning about some of the challenges we face as communities? This year we are inviting a series of speakers to come and get us thinking around issues of social justice. Why not come along and bring a friend or a neighbour? (Details are given elsewhere in the newsletter).

Whatever you decide to do, may I encourage everyone to try something different this year. Who knows? Maybe this will be the start of something. And maybe an alternative approach will draw us all closer as a community and help us all to be even more thankful for all we have been given.

With every blessing, Susan.



Service in the United Benefice for February 2024

A chance to create a bit of space in our busy lives to reflect on faith. As we start Lent and look towards Holy week and Easter what acts of kindness and generosity can we share with each other? Why not come to our midweek communion at 1.30pm on a Thursday?

Sunday 4th February Second before Lent

8.00am St Thomas' BCP Holy Communion
9.30am St Cuthbert's BCP Holy Communion (with Church without walls)
11.00am St Thomas' CW Eucharist

Tuesday 6th February

9.15am St Thomas' said Morning Prayer

Wednesday 7th February

11.00am St Thomas' said CW Holy Communion

Thursday 8th February

9.15am St Cuthbert's said Morning Prayer
1.30pm St Cuthbert's said CW Holy Communion with prayers for healing

Sunday 11th February Sunday next before Lent

8.00am St Thomas' BCP Holy Communion
9.30am St Cuthbert's CW Eucharist
11.00am St Thomas' Church Parade

Tuesday 13th February

9.15am St Thomas' said Morning Prayer

14th February Ash Wednesday

11.00am St Thomas' said CW Holy Communion with imposition of ashes
7pm St Cuthbert's said CW Holy Communion with imposition of ashes

Thursday 15th February

9.15am St Cuthbert's said Morning Prayer
1.30pm St Cuthbert's said CW Holy Communion with prayers for healing

Sunday 18th February First Sunday of Lent

8.00am St Thomas' BCP Holy Communion
9.30am St Cuthbert's BCP Holy Communion (with Messy Church)
11am St Thomas' CW Eucharist

Tuesday 20th February

9.15am St Thomas' said Morning Prayer

Wednesday 21st February

11.00am St Thomas' said CW Holy Communion

Thursday 22nd February

9.15am St Cuthbert's said Morning Prayer

1.30pm St Cuthbert's said CW Holy Communion with prayers for healing

Sunday 25th February Second Sunday of Lent

8.00am St Thomas' BCP Holy Communion

9.30am St Cuthbert's CW Eucharist

11am St Thomas' Family Eucharist with crafts and fun for all

Tuesday 27th February

9.15am St Thomas' said Morning Prayer

Wednesday 28th February

11am St Thomas' said CW Holy Communion

Thursday 29th February

9.15am St Cuthbert's said Morning Prayer

1.30pm St Cuthbert's Holy Communion with prayers for healing

A warm invitation is extended to everyone to join us at any of our United Benefice Services.

Advanced Notice:

Holy Week will be 25th March to 30th March

There will be daily services in our churches as we prepare to celebrate Easter further information to follow.

Easter Day 31st March 2024



WARDENS AND SIDEPERSONS

	Warden	Deputy Warden	Sides persons
Feb 4th	Elaine Ayre	Anne Grimshaw	Gwyn Williams Eileen Houlgrave
Feb 11th	Pam Carr	Colin Thorp	Bill Banks John Wroe
Feb 18th	Elaine Ayre	John Wroe	Elaine Ayre Philip Banks
Feb 25th	Pam Carr	Angela Webster	Angela Webster Pam Carr

Growing a vision for St Cuthbert's Church

We are blessed with a beautiful medieval church that has inspired multiple generations. It is a place of prayer for the community and the wider world. We are here for the joy of baptisms and weddings and the pain and anguish of funerals. By simply being, we tell of our Christian heritage.

The church provides a space for the village to gather at key festivals, to mark the seasons and a place to ponder the big questions. It provides educational opportunities as well as support to the school. What would you like the church to do and be? Let the Rector know your ideas.

But let us also be honest St Cuthbert's is on a knife edge both structurally and financially. It is an amazing grade 1 listed building, but it is on the at risk register. The church needs a new roof, the west window needs to be secured, the heating system is on its last legs. The list is long and expensive.

Every Church of England Parish Church has to support itself and its ministry. Currently our expenditure exceeds our income by a considerable amount each month. We do not have hidden financial assets or reserves. We do not get help from the Diocese, the National Church, or the Church Commissioners. The church and the community it serves are responsible for its upkeep and the activities it runs.

We can fundraise and apply for grants but without people giving regularly to the church the long-term survival of the church remains profoundly uncertain.

What can you do to enable the church to be the beating heart of the community? Are you willing to help secure the church's future? If so, please consider giving whatever you can afford regularly either via the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS) or by becoming a friend of St Cuthbert's.

Information about both schemes are on our website or in leaflets at the back of church. We need the whole community to work together if St Cuthbert's is not only going to survive but flourish.

YOUR CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT, HALSALL

For enquiries about baptisms or weddings or service information

Phone: 0151 526 2292

Email: stthomassteph@btinternet.com

The office is staffed Monday-Wednesday 9.00am—1.00pm.

Our website, www.halsallstcuthberthub.co.uk contains information about services and events, archive material including historic school records, up to date Parish Magazines as well as those dating back to the 1800's.

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT



PARISH GIVING SCHEME

Prayer and worship is at the heart of all we do.

It is only with the generosity of our community that we can sustain our wonderful church and keep our clergy.

St Cuthbert's is responsible for funding everything we do as a church. Despite what some people think none of our activities are directly funded by the Diocese or the National Church.

You can use the Parish Giving Scheme to make one off donations by scanning this QR code.



FRIENDS OF ST CUTHBERT'S

You can also support St Cuthbert's by becoming "a friend". All the funds raised through this scheme are directed to the maintenance and repair of the church building and grounds.

There is a minimum donation of £20 per year to join, but you can then choose how much and how regularly you donate.

For further information please contact info@halsallstcuthbert.co.uk

**Thank you for supporting us.
Without you we cannot be the church we aspire to be.**

SANCTUARY LIGHTS



FEBRUARY

1st Marion Chadwick
 4th Peter Bradshaw
 5th Margaret Dutton (Birthday)
 7th Rose Mary Bailey (Birthday)
 11th Alice Jane Ryding (Birthday)
 12th D A Simpkin
 12th Dorothy Cheetham (Anniversary)
 13th Maureen Bailey (Birthday)
 13th Joseph Haldane
 15th John Pilling
 15th John Henry Moorcroft
 16th Anne Louise Moorcroft
 16th Les Marshall (Remembrance)
 17th Robert Heaton (Birthday)
 18th William Stopforth (Birthday)
 19th Lillian Dennett (Birthday)
 21st Nancy Ainscough (Birthday)
 23rd Carole Tatar (Bailey) (Birthday)
 25th Joseph Balmer
 25th Mary Kenyon (Birthday)
 27th Maureen Ainscough (Birthday)



CHURCH CLEANING ROTA

February 2024

11th February	P Carr	J Bond E Carr	A Grimshaw	A Webster
25th February	E Wroe	G Williams J Stone	S Richards	S Kierans

Halsall Family History

Interested in researching your family history?
Interested in the local history of Halsall?

We are a small group that meets on the last Tuesday in the month.

Next meeting 7:30pm Tuesday 27th February
St Aidan's Hall, Renacres Lane

Lots of experience researching our family histories,
some going back to 1700s in Halsall.

Ready to help all beginners get started in this interesting hobby.

We are also building a collection of stories about locations in Halsall

Come and chat about your family's stories
or interesting places and events in Halsall
and we will add them to our website.

www.HalsallHistory.co.uk

Contact ange.silcock@yahoo.co.uk for further details.

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Halsall St Cuthbert's

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Saturday 2nd March 2024

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The Ship Inn, Haskayne, is now under new management. Located in Haskayne, Lancashire, the Ship Inn is a charming traditional pub offering a variety of food and drinks with a scenic view of the Liverpool to Leeds canal.



Rosemary Lane

6 Rosemary Lane, Ormskirk L39 7JP | www.theshipinnhaskayne.co.uk

Paul and Helen Revitalize 'The Ship Inn', Haskayne: A Beacon of Community & Charm

Nestled in the heart of Haskayne, a picturesque village adorned with rolling countryside, stands The Ship Inn, a cherished local gem with a history as rich as the surrounding landscape. This inviting pub, once bustling with life and camaraderie, had seen quieter days until fate intervened in the form of Paul and Helen, two pillars of the village community.

Paul and Helen, whose usual business endeavours centred around running a family estate agency, found themselves frequent visitors to The Ship Inn. As they savoured the warmth of its atmosphere and witnessed the fading glory of the establishment, an idea took root—a vision to rekindle the pub's former success and reinvigorate its charm for the locals.

Driven by their passion for community engagement and a deep-rooted affection for the village, Paul and Helen embarked on a remarkable journey. They saw beyond the worn façade and envisioned a revived hub that would once again resonate with laughter, conversation, and a sense of belonging.

Their plan is not merely about refurbishing a building but fostering an environment where neighbours could gather, share stories, and create enduring memories. With meticulous attention to detail and unwavering dedication, they set about breathing new life into The Ship Inn in 2024.

Embracing the pub's history while infusing it with modern comforts, Paul and Helen crafted an ambience that seamlessly blended tradition with contemporary flair. From the cosy interiors adorned with nostalgic memorabilia to the carefully curated menu featuring local delights and classic pub favourites, every aspect is thoughtfully designed to cater to the diverse tastes of the community.

However, their efforts extended beyond aesthetics and gastronomy. Paul and Helen sought to make The Ship Inn a cornerstone of community spirit. They will be organising, quiz nights, live music events, and themed gatherings, fostering an inclusive space where everyone will feel welcome. The pub became a hub where friendships flourished, and bonds grew stronger over shared interests and jovial banter.

The ripple effect of Paul and Helen's endeavour was palpable. The once-sleepy atmosphere of the village reawakened as locals and visitors alike were drawn to the revitalised pub. With each passing day, The Ship Inn reclaimed its status as not just a watering hole but a focal point for the village's social fabric.

The success of Paul and Helen's venture isn't solely measured in profits but in the smiles on patrons' faces and the renewed sense of community spirit that permeated the air. Their passion and dedication breathed new life into The Ship Inn, transforming it into more than just a place to grab a drink but a cornerstone of Haskayne's identity.

As the sun sets behind the horizon, casting its golden glow on the village, The Ship Inn stands tall—a beacon of warmth, camaraderie, and unwavering charm—thanks to the vision and unwavering commitment of Paul and Helen, who saw beyond the worn exterior and reignited the soul of this beloved establishment.

Halsall Village Proud & Tidy Group



Spring will soon be on the way and we can look forward to warmer weather. Hurrah!! The snowdrops are flowering and lots of other Spring bulbs are poking their heads above ground ready for the sunshine. Great!

Our major challenge for this year is to revamp Bishops Walk. For those who are not familiar with this area it is the wooded area from the brook by Bambers going towards the school fence. This is a lovely place for everyone to walk through or to sit and enjoy the area.

We would like to open up certain areas which require strimming (preferably, heavier duty stimmer) pruning etc. We have other ideas such as making a boundary fence constructed by intertwining dead branches between erected posts. We would also like to make the two entrances more attractive and, following the aims of the Halsall Bees & Butterfly Brigade, add more plants and shrubs to attract wildlife. Lots to do!

If anyone has some time to spare we'd very much appreciate your help to achieve what we have in mind so please get in touch.

Thanks to all those who we see picking up litter when they are out and about.

It is a great help in keeping our beautiful village neat and tidy.



**For further information about our work please contact -
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Halsall Bees and Butterflies Brigade

Hello everyone! It's the start of an exciting year for "The Bs" and we have been making plans and preparing the way for planting to begin in March. Our main aim for the spring is to plant up the bank and ha-ha in St Cuthbert's Churchyard, near the Memorial Garden. We intend to add spreading plants on the bank to stabilize it, but the plants will be chosen carefully for their nectar-rich flowers and bright spring/summer colour. I have plants like aubretia and beach aster in mind.

A native wild-flower seed mix will follow, sown into the bottom of the ha-ha. This area used to be an old road and the soil is quite thin and stony – perfect for wildflowers, many of which prefer an infertile, free-draining soil. Look out for beautiful annuals appearing here first, flowers such as dancing, scarlet poppies and stunning, blue cornflowers. Perennial wild-flowers will take longer to establish themselves but, by next year, plants like ox-eye daisy, borage and red clover will appear and continue to come back year after year. It will be a feast for the bees and a feast for the eyes!

If you'd like to help with these projects and others like them, please do get in touch with me (email below); there is plenty to do and we are keen to get more of the local community involved. Whether you want to dig, barrow and let off steam or just simply plant a special plant or sow some seeds, your contribution to the group will be truly valuable.

We'll be meeting in St Cuthbert's Churchyard on Sunday 24th March from 2pm to start planting the bank.

If you'd like to catch us sooner, we're holding an afternoon tea with a "Gardening for Wildlife" theme in The Memorial Hall on Sunday 17th March 2-4pm. Come and meet us, have a chat and enjoy a drink and a piece of cake. We'd love to meet you!

Clare Edwards
cedwards1144@gmail.com
The Bees and Butterflies Brigade



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Coffee Morning



Thursday 15th February

11:00am - 1:00pm

Halsall Memorial Hall

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Tuesday Evenings from 6pm or Saturday.

Contact Mr Scholes at School Tel; 01704 840253

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Club/Group	Meetings	Contact
1st Halsall Scout Group Boys & Girls age 6-14	Scarisbrick Village Hall Monday 6.30-8pm	Karen 07973953651
Halsall Village Proud & Tidy Group	Various working parties around the village.	Eleanor Wroe 01704 841216 Or Enid Banks 01704 567654
Saracen's Head Crown Green Bowling Club	Various. contact Lynda for details.	Lynda Hodge 07435 971762
Ormskirk & District Lions Club	Charity supporting local causes. Looking for new members.	Sylvia Corfield 01704 840705
St Cuthbert's Church	Services 9.30am every Sunday .	Parish office 0151 526 2292
FROG Friends of Shirdley Hill Village Green	9.30am Tuesdays & Fridays	01704 840607
Jigsaw Library Its free to join and free to bor- row.	We ask for a donation of a jigsaw then you can borrow as often as you like.	Sue Charnock Facebook Page
Halsall Bees & Butterflies Brigade	Starting spring 2024 for new members	Clare Edwards cedwards1144@gmail.com
Halsall Badminton Club	Halsall School Thursday 7.30pm	Jim 01704 840908 Margaret 01704 840305
Yoga	St.Cuthbert's School Wednesdays from 7.30pm	James McLoughlin 07852 192440

If there are any community groups, social groups, sports groups or well being groups starting up let me know and I can add them to the 'What's On' section.

halsallnews@gmail.com

NEWS FROM HALSALL PARISH COUNCIL

NEW Councillor

The Council is pleased to announce that Julie Ferguson was co-opted as a new Parish Councillor following resignation of Kim Pyne.

Planning Applications

2023/1142/FUL, 38 Heathey Lane, proposed new garage

2023/1092/FUL. Renacres Hall Farm, erection of steel barn

Recent decisions –all granted

T/2023/0102/TCA, Sports Pavilion, prune trees on Halsall Road

T/2023/0168/TCA, Sports Pavilion, prune trees over Cross Lane

2023/0959/LDP, 7 Shaw Close, Loft conversion with dormer to rear

2022/0621/CON, 58 New Street, revision of glazing conditions

2023.0491/FUL, 20 Gregory Lane, Internal changes & extension

2023/0863/LDC, Gesterfield Barn—Withdrawn

Refurbishment of St Aidan's Hall

The hall upgrade and spruce up is still ongoing by volunteers and Councillors. The installation of wifi has been successfully completed. The increase in use is already significant. The fortnightly Luncheon Club, organised by the Shirdley Hill Community Association, under the Warm Spaces Initiative, is proving very popular. Details of regular upcoming social events are posted on the Shirdley Hill Hub Facebook page and all are welcome. A Quiz is being organised for Feb 2nd at 7pm at St Aidan's Hall.

Report from Traffic & Road Safety Group

The Council has received correspondence from concerned parents, villagers and motorists requesting a Pelican crossing across New Street. A kind benefactor has offered to pay for this installation as previous correspondence requesting LCC funding for this has been refused on the grounds that this is not an accident black-spot. The Council has asked County Councillor O'Toole to intervene.

The proposed road markings and signage improvements to Morris Lane / Renacres Lane junction have been partially implemented. Special thanks are due to Mark Brown too from OWL for his persistence about road issues in the village.

Parking

Please can residents please in their driveways if possible and leave enough room when parking on pavements to allow prams and wheelchairs to get through. The Council frequently receives complaints about parents parking inconsiderately during the school run to St Cuthbert's School. The Council has written to the School Governors

to request a meeting about the criteria for intake policy, as the Council has received complaints about some local children apparently being excluded, and others from far afield apparently being accepted.

Potholes and Flooding

The Love Clean Streets app available on phones or computers has yielded some success with pothole repairs and street flooding issues. Cllrs Timon and Schofield have been particularly active on this. It is open to anyone to use this, so please go ahead and report yourselves if you have identified a problem. A pothole at Gregory Lane was 'fixed' around 12th Dec 2023 but the area broke down again almost, immediately. It was 'fixed' again on or around 7th or 8th January 2024 and the quality of the repair has attracted much criticism. A Freedom of Information request is being sent to LCC to establish the costs of these 'repairs' and the Council will consider options going forward.

Restoration of Ancient public footpaths in Halsall

Halsall has a large number of public footpaths, some of which have become overgrown. Our Parish Clerk, Chris, and his friend have recently strimmed nettles/weeds along a couple of paths, repaired a wooden bridge, acting as kind volunteers, in response to requests from residents. More volunteers are needed as we have many more footpaths. Please contact Chris Pyne or Liz Wright if you are willing to volunteer to help as if we don't use these paths we may lose them. We have received a £500 Grant from LCC to spend on footpaths.

Parish Council Meetings

The next Parish Council Meeting will take place on Wednesday 14 th February 2024 at 7.30 p.m. at St Aidan's Hall, Renacres Lane, Shirdley Hill Halsall.

A full list of Councillors and contact numbers can be found toward the front of the magazine. The Parish Council Website includes agendas and minutes of meetings www.halsallparish.org.uk

Upcoming events and news are posted on Facebook Halsall Village Community Forum www.facebook.com/groups/200983146975703

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Liz Wright Chair and Chris Pyne Parish Clerk.

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Halsall St Cuthbert's February Report

School Concerts (Shrek and the Nativities)

Many, many thanks to everyone who came along to the shows this year, donated goods/prizes for the hampers and bought raffle tickets etc. Altogether, we raised £1,800 for Clare House and £1,200 for the school's PTFA. What a fabulous effort.

A huge well done to the children for performing so well and a special thanks to the teachers and the teaching assistants for organizing the children's shows so brilliantly. They were so much fun and lovely to watch.

Admissions

The deadline for Primary School Reception Place Applications, has now passed. Parents should expect to receive LEA confirmation of their child's allocated school place, in early April.

If anyone is interested in their child attending Halsall St Cuthbert's as a reception child or in any other year group, please do not hesitate to contact us. 01704-840253

Kenyon Shield Winners: Autumn 2

Reception : Zack Shalliker
Year 1 : Otilie Jones
Year 2 : Evana Tenser-Hart
Year 3 : James Wall
Year 4 : Isla Parker
Year 5 : Catie Pye
Year 6 : Eva Daisy Thomas

Congratulations and very well done to all our winners. They were fabulous in the autumn term and they really impressed the staff.

Activity Trail Repairs

The area was timetabled to undergo a significant renovation/replacement programme in late January and hopefully by now, the children should be enjoying using the equipment once again. They have missed it so much.

A massive thanks to Paul and Harry Richards Tree Services who regularly donate wagonloads of wood chippings to the school. These have certainly helped to suppress the weeds and create a softer and safer surface within the Activity Trail area. Their generosity is very much appreciated.

Term Times

Spring Half-Term	School closes Friday 9 th February Reopens Monday 19 th February
Easter Holidays	School closes Thursday 28 th March Reopens Monday 15 th April
Summer Half-Term	School closes Friday 24 th May Reopens Tuesday 4 th June
Summer Holidays	School closes Friday 19 th July Reopens Wednesday 4 th September

School's PTFA

Despite its fund-raising being significantly affected by the weather this year, (summer carnival / fireworks night) the PTFA continues to support the school in a multitude of ways. It remains committed to helping organize and/or provide funding for the following :

- Strawberry Teas Afternoon
- Children's Christmas Party
- Christmas Selection boxes
- Leavers' Hoodies
- Easter Gifts
- Spooky Disco
- Leavers' Party
- Pantomime
- Toast Weeks
- Leavers' Memory Books
- Sports Day
- Mothers' Day and Fathers' Day gifts
- Christmas Concerts and Nativities
- National Celebration Days etc.

A massive thanks to the PTFA and all the volunteers. The opportunities provided certainly help to make the children's school lives, that little bit more exciting and special.

Doug Scholes (Head Teacher)



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Santa visited the Children's Christmas Film show on 16th December and gave away presents donated by Halsall residents. The event raised £50.21 in donations. The charity has now registered for the Gift Aid Scheme so for every £1 that is donated a further 25p can be claimed from HMRC Tax.

The next Tea and Coffee morning will be on Thursday 15th Feb from 11 to 1pm. Come along for free drinks and meet other residents. Book and jigsaw swaps are available.

The Trust is advertising in this magazine for 2 posts, part-time Cleaner and Trust Secretary. If you are interested then get in touch for an informal chat.

Liz Wright Chair
Chris Pyne Trust Secretary (halsalltrust@gmail.com 01704 841467)

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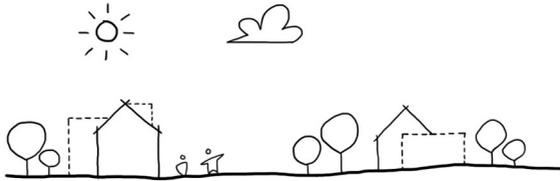
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