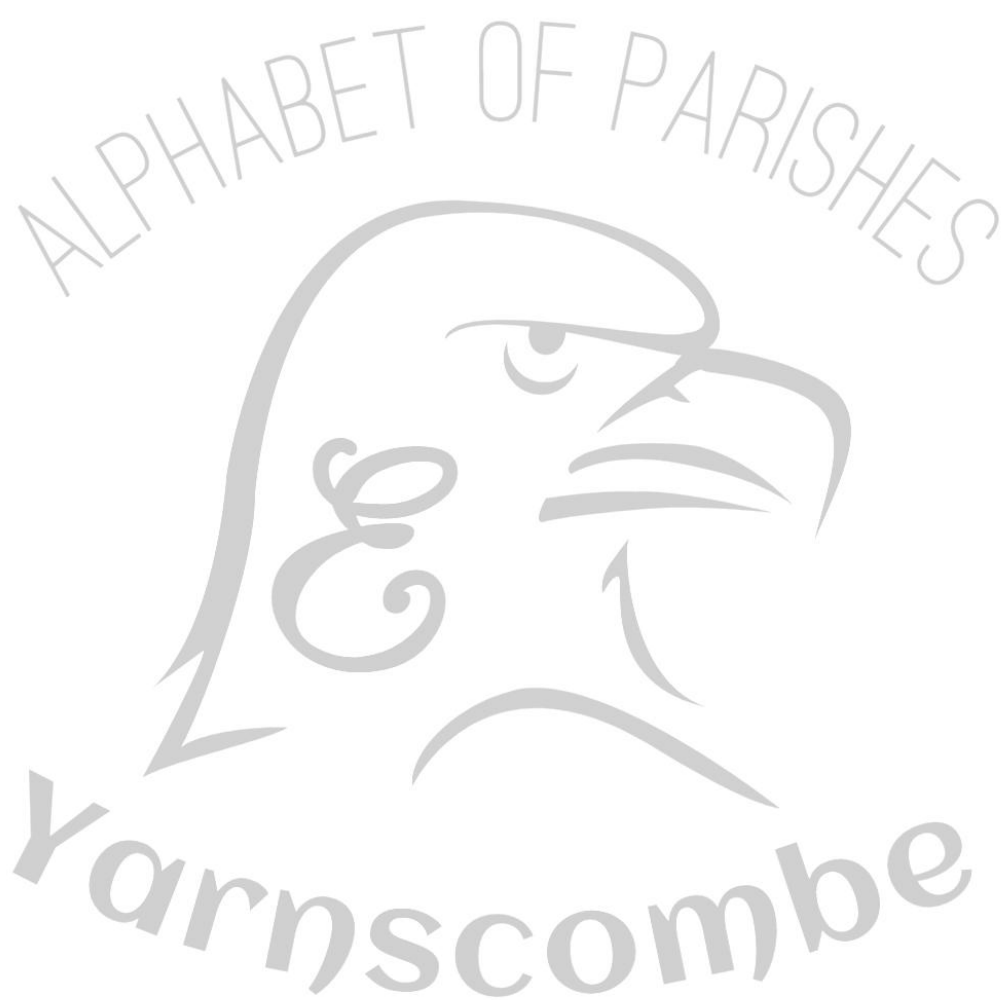


Yarnscombe Parish Council



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This for the council has been a quiet year, with no major events of note other than those amongst the parish of a Catholic faith, following the death of Pope Francis, a new pope has been elected, Pope Leo XIV, the first American to become pontiff.

During June 2024 we installed a new galvanised metal fence along the playing field, upper boundary, following deterioration of the old wooden fence. With the help of small grants from the district and county councils this was adequately funded from YPC reserves. Thanks must also be offered to those local residents who helped in this enterprise, saving both the PC and in consequence the citizens of this parish, thousands of pounds. Hopefully this fence will last a good 10+ years, rather than the 4 to 6 years of the wooden type, saving the residents of Yarnscombe Parish, a considerable amount of money, in the long term.

Following a fire inspection of the village hall, it came to light over 70 years of Parish Council records were stored in the hall loft. This was deemed a fire hazard and had to be removed. Finding we had no suitable storage facilities for the 20+ boxes involved, a check of legal requirements meant we could cull quite a lot. Myself and PC Ian Newberry have after much effort reduced the paperwork involved to 2 boxes, now stored next to the filing cabinet in the village hall small storeroom. We will be looking at further files in the near future, hopefully placing these in the metal filing cabinet.

For reference over the last 5 years we have been keeping most records digitally, though deeds, insurance documents are kept by the parish clerk in a fire proof safe box.

You may have noticed the Yarnscombe Parish website has changed. This has been reformatted, streamlined and funded by YPC to meet our modern age. I would like to give a big thank you from both myself and the parish council members to Sharron Newberry, without whose skill and perseverance this task would neither have been attempted nor completed. I would also pass on a big thank you to Richard Pengilly, who both created and maintained the old Yarnscombe website over many years.

Christopher Brice
Chair, Yarnscombe PC
28 May 2025