October 2026

IN THE Middle

Your newsletter centred around Middlebeck

It's almost *play time!*

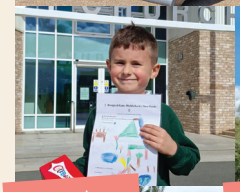
You may have spotted the work we've been doing in the green space off Bluebell Drive. We're pleased to share that the new play area, Bluebell Meadows, will open in the next few weeks.

The name Bluebell Meadows was chosen by Theodore in Year 2 from Christ Church School and Middlebeck residents the Titterton family (Matilda, Freddie, Betsy and Tallulah) following our call-out in the last edition which attracted more than 50 name suggestions! It reflects both the play area's location and the hundreds of native bluebells to be planted as part of the wider planting scheme.

Whilst the play area will soon be ready, parts of the surrounding green space will remain closed to protect the young plants and give the landscape time to establish. Please follow the on-site signage.

Follow us on social media for the opening date and further updates.





Theodore



Titterton family



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Middlebeck
Newark

Welcome
to “In the Middle”

It’s been a brilliant few months for our community, with plenty of you coming together to represent and achieve some fantastic results.

At the Newark Half Marathon, Middlebeck residents Richard Lamb and Liam Gennery took on the challenge and put in some impressive performances, making us incredibly proud.

Community spirit was also on full display at the Newark Dragon Boat Festival. The Middlebeck team brought together residents, Urban&Civic colleagues, the Transform team, and staff and customers from Gannets. After a superb performance, they reached the semi-finals and narrowly missed out on a place in the final.

These achievements perfectly capture the energy, determination and team spirit that make Middlebeck such a special community.

A huge well done to everyone who took part and supported these events - you did Middlebeck proud!

Best wishes,

Simon

Simon Murphy
Community Development Lead



The sun sets on summer 2026
What a summer it’s been at Middlebeck!

From our Family Fun Day to the Pub Nights at Gannets, there have been plenty of opportunities to get together, have fun and enjoy everything that comes with being part of this growing community

The events brought neighbours, friends and families together for food, drinks, live music, games and plenty of good conversation. They were brilliantly attended, and the warm, relaxed atmosphere at each one was created by you – the people who call Middlebeck home.

It was lovely to see familiar faces catching up, new neighbours getting to know one another and families making happy memories right here on their doorstep.

We’ve also received some wonderful feedback, showing just how much these moments together mean to the community.

A huge thank you goes to the traders, performers and everyone working behind the scenes – and, of course, to every resident who came along and joined in.

Summer 2026 gave us plenty to look back on fondly, but more than anything, it reminded us what makes Middlebeck so special: our welcoming Community

Community NOTICE BOARD



Reformer Pilates now at Transform Middlebeck

Transform Middlebeck is now a Reformer Pilates studio! As welcoming as always, the studio has seven Reformers. And, with the team hoping to run circa. 20 sessions per week there’ll be plenty of opportunities for everyone to build strength and confidence via Pilates.

For further information about Transform Middlebeck scan the QR code



Have you spotted...

New signs at nine access points along National Cycle Network Route 64. Designed to make it easier to walk, wheel or cycle between Middlebeck and Newark Northgate Station the signs helpfully highlight the distance to/from your current location, and display what3words locations to help you explore with confidence.



Thank you for having your say

A big thank you to everyone who completed the latest Quality of Life survey. Your feedback will help us understand what’s working well and where life at Middlebeck could be even better. We’ll share more once the findings have been reviewed.



Food Truck visits

October

Friday 9th
Firehouse Pizza

Saturday 17th
Sticky Fingers

Friday 30th
Koala Kitchen

November

Wednesday 4th
Nathan's Kitchen

Friday 20th
Firehouse Pizza

Wednesday 25th
Koala Kitchen

All street food trucks can be found at Bowbridge Square, outside Christ Church School, from 5-8pm.

Middlebeck Community Events 2026





Contact us

Do you have any questions, feedback or concerns about Middlebeck? We want to hear from you! Please email Simon Murphy, Urban&Civic's Community Development Lead for Middlebeck, at **newark@urbanandcivic.com**

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