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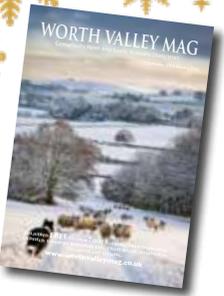


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# A Season of Community and Chaos

As I write this, my cat, LouLou, is scratching at the kitchen door, making it abundantly clear she wants to join me in the warmest part of the house. I'm draped over the range cooker, soaking up

its radiant heat while waiting for the kettle to boil. Where on earth did I put those teabags I bought yesterday? After a moment of mental retracing, I remember—I left them in the Co-op bag on the passenger seat of my car.

With a sigh, I trudge outside, retrieve the bag, and return to the house just as the kettle begins to whistle like a drill sergeant. Sliding it off the boiling plate to silence it, I fill the tea caddy and, a few moments later, am seated at the kitchen table, hands wrapped around a deeply soothing, aromatic cuppa. LouLou nudges my side, demanding attention, and soon curls into a contented ball beside me as I pat her head. It's a perfect moment of calm.

But the magazines won't send themselves to the printer. It's Monday, and I'm on deadline.

Such is life, isn't it? A tapestry of slightly annoying, comforting, puzzling, and oddly satisfying moments. It's the trivial things—the misplaced teabags, the whistling kettle—that fill our days, punctuated by larger events on the lane, in the village, or further afield. These days, with smartphones feeding us a constant stream of updates, it's hard to separate the real from the imagined.

And here we are at the close of another year—a consequential one, full of big changes in government and unsettling world events. But amidst the upheaval, our communities endure. They're like a good Christmas pudding: dense, occasionally nutty, and held together by who-knows-what!

We grumble about our neighbors (not me, of course), tut-tut at poor parking, or wonder about the source of a particularly suspect patch of dog mess. Yet we'll lend a lawnmower, offer a cup of tea, or give a lift without hesitation.

Community isn't always straightforward; it's like assembling flat-pack furniture with someone else reading the instructions—muttering, confusion, and the odd whack with a spanner. But when it works, it's glorious and deeply satisfying.

This Christmas, let's embrace the delightful mess of it all. Say hello. Offer a hand. Ask for help if you need it. And laugh—because the quirks that make our corner of Yorkshire so unique are worth celebrating.

Wishing you peace, puddings, and the occasional lovely surprise.

Yours in festive disarray, Liz



Liz Barker, Editor



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Thank you to Cllr D Mahon for getting us to the end of the toilet refurbishment programme.

We allocated Grants to The Haworth Festival and Oxenhope Junior Football Club. We also donated vouchers for prizes for The Haworth & District Flower, Vegetable and Produce Show.

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Welcome to our new Councillors Zoe Hogan-Stead and Andrew Phyn.

Lastly the Village Council has employed a new Warden, who I am sure you will see working around the village.

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It must be acceptable now to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year... or at least it will be acceptable very soon! For us, planning for Christmas starts pretty much as soon as Santa and his elves leave on Christmas Eve after running our sell-out Elf Explorer services. We start getting ticket requests in January, and the preparation for welcoming Santa back starts nearly 12 months before the service runs. Making sure we can book the big man and his helpers, as well as assist his team in making all the gifts for our passengers, getting the locomotives and carriages ready for all the special trains takes months and months of planning... it is all worth it when we see the smiling faces receiving their gifts. This year, we also have other festive services, with the "A Christmas Carol" theatrical experiences on select dates over the festive period so please do check the website for full details.

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As you think about setting your 2025 resolutions (sorry... it is that time once again), I hope you consider making one of them join our volunteering family. In the meantime, I will once again thank you for all your support during a very challenging year for the Railway, and hope we can welcome you on board again soon.

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~ **Matt Stroh**

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Matt was born and raised in Pudsey, where he met his wife Angela Varley at school. They have 2 sons; Ray and Austin, he hopes one day they will follow him into the dental profession and share in his passion for dentistry.

Within his 23 years of experience, Matt has changed the lives and smiles of many, some of which are during one day implant immediate loading cases, and same day smiles, which he specialises in. The regular accolades received from clients and patients alike are testament to his passion for his work. Matt has a keen eye for detail and endeavours to provide the best care possible. Matthew completed his dental technology qualification at Leeds Dental institute, he finished first in his class achieving distinctions throughout and was awarded overall best student and the acclaimed technical achievement award.

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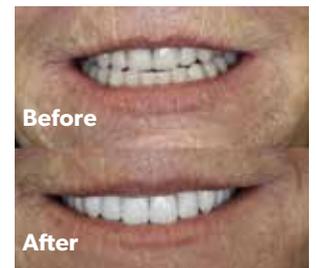


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*God bless you this Christmas time and always.*

### CROSS ROADS CUM LEES

**Lees Methodist Church - Haworth Road, Cross Roads, BD22 9DL**

Sunday 15th December, 3pm Carol service

**St James's, Cross Road - Albion Street, Cross Roads, BD22 9EB**

Sunday 22nd Dec, 5pm - Carol Service

Christmas Eve, 2pm - Scratch Nativity (turn up and join in!)

Christmas Day, 11am - Christmas Communion

### HAWORTH

**Our Lady of Lourdes - Ebor Lane, Haworth, BD22 8HR**

15th December at 3 pm Christmas Carol Service

Christmas Eve 11.30pm Carols followed by Midnight Mass

Christmas Day 10.30am Christmas Day Mass

**St Michael and All Angels- Church Street, Haworth, BD22 8DR**

Sunday 8th December, 6:30pm - Carols by Candlelight

Sunday 22nd December, 2pm - Scratch Nativity (turn up and join in!)

Christmas Eve, 11:30pm - Midnight Communion

Christmas Day, 10am - Christmas Communion

**West Lane Baptist - West Lane, Haworth, BD22 8EN**

15th December, 10:30am - Christingle Service

Christmas Eve, 5pm Carol Service with mulled wine and mince pies served afterwards.

Christmas Day, 10am Service – come and join the celebrations.

### NEWSHOLME

**St. John's - Gill Lane, BD22 0QT**

Sunday 22nd December 6.30pm - Carol Service.

Christmas Day 9am - Sung Christmas Communion.

### OAKWORTH

**Christ Church Oakworth - Colne Road, BD22 7PA**

Sunday 15th December, 6.30pm - Carol Service.

Friday 20th December, 6.30pm - Christingle.

Saturday 21st December 10 till 1pm - Christmas Crafts for all ages

### Christ Church Oakworth cont.

Christmas Eve Tuesday 24th December, 6.30pm—Bedtime Prayers & Carols.

24th December 11.30pm - Midnight Mass.

Christmas Day 10.30am - Family Christmas Communion.

### OXENHOPE

**Oxenhope Methodist Church - top of West Lane, Oxenhope, BD22 9LJ**

Our 4 churches unite Sunday 22nd December 10.30am with some carols.

Short morning service Christmas Day, 9.30am

**Marsh Methodist Church - Marsh Lane, Oxenhope, BD22 9RS**

Sunday 22nd December, Carols and scratch nativity 2pm (limited seating)

**Circuit barn service** 17th December open to all at 6pm in a barn with lambs and fairy lights. BD20 ONP

### STANBURY

**St Gabriel's - Main Street, Stanbury, BD22 0HB**

Sunday 15th Dec, 3pm - Stanbury Carols

Christmas Day, 9am - Christmas Morning Communion

*Christmas is an exciting and hopeful time for many people, but can be a time when feelings of sadness, grief and loneliness rise up too.*

*Our churches aim to be communities of love and welcome for all - holding space for all of these feelings and experiences.*

*If you would like to talk to or pray with someone you can find contact details on our church websites or Facebook pages, or call:*

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**Every first Monday of a month 1.30 - 3.30pm** **The Welcome Drop-In** at Oakworth Methodist Church Share refreshments and chat.

**Every Monday 7 -9 pm** **Andy's Man Club Project 6,** Devonshire Street, Keighley

**First Tuesday of a month 2pm**  
**Worth Valley Branch of the Y.C.A** meet at Oxenhope Methodist Church

**First Tuesday of the month 1.30pm**  
**Mothers' Union at Christ Church Oakworth.** Contact branch leader Sharon on 07521 318983.

**Every Tuesday 1-3pm** **Coffee Afternoon** at Hall Green Chapel, Haworth (downstairs). Free refreshments and friendly chat. Hall Green BookPoint .

**Last Tuesday of the month 2pm**  
**Living With Loss Social Group** at **Christ Church Oakworth.** Supportive chat informally over a cuppa with others who are walking the difficult path of life

**Every Tuesday 7 - 9pm** **Men's Peer Support Group** Free Safe & Friendly environment for men to share, chat & laugh. Airedale Enterprise Services, Sunderland Street, Keighley, BD21 5LE

**Every Wednesday** (in term-time) 8.45am - 10.15am, **ABC 'Adults, Babies & Children's' Group** at Christ Church Oakworth, 20 Colne Road, BD22 7PA. For parents/carers to bring their little ones to a safe welcoming space to play whilst getting together for a chat, cuppa and toast.



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**Each Wednesday 10.30am - 11.30am** **Coffee Morning** at **Christ Church Oakworth.** All welcome to come along for chat and a cuppa and biscuits.

**Every Wednesday** **Haworth Senior Citizens Group.** 2 pm - 3.30pm at West Lane Baptist Chapel, Haworth. New Members Welcome. Call Doreen 01535 648928

**Every Wednesday 2 - 4pm**  
**Oxenhope Community Café & Welcoming Space,** Oxenhope Methodist Church, 1 West Dr, Oxenhope, Keighley BD22 9LJ

**Every Second Wednesday** of a month **Worth Reading Book Club** meet at **7pm in the basement of Pavé.** No fee. Anyone wishing to join us can ring Megan on 07443 333581 to get more information.

**Coffee Morning every 4th Thursday of the month 10am to 12pm** at Keighley New Church, Braithwaite Road, Keighley BD22 6PX. All are welcome.

**Oxenhope Pensioners Club (over 65's)** meet at **Oxenhope Cricket Pavilion** twice monthly, 1.00pm - 3.00pm, alternate Thursdays. Please ring Diane on (07970) 720068 for more information.

**Every Thursday 1pm - 3pm**  
**The Shed** Oakworth Village Hall. New members welcome.

**Every Thursday** **Tech Shed** free drop in 5 pm - 7pm at Haworth Village Hall.

**Every Thursday from 1.30pm** **Time For Me Bereavement Support Group** meet at **The Three Horses, Fell Lane, Keighley, BD22 6BZ.** A mutual support group for those who

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**Thursdays** (October - April) **Keighley Men's Forum,** Corner entrance of Keighley Playhouse, 1 Devonshire Street, Keighley Refreshments from 9.30am, Speaker at 10.15am Variety of speakers/ presentations £2/week inc. refreshments

**Every Friday 2 - 4pm** **Haworth Ladies Badminton Group** at Haworth Village Hall. Call 01535 644136.

**Every Saturday 1-3pm** **Hall Green BookPoint.** Hall Green Chapel Haworth (downstairs). Free

**1st Dec until 1st Jan**  
**Saltaire Living Advent Calendar** - windows will be illuminated from **4pm - 10.30pm** each evening. Windows light daily up throughout the month in houses, schools, shops and churches until Christmas Eve.



**Weds 4th Dec 2pm** **Lees Methodist Meeting Point** A musical afternoon with Jonathan Crossley at Lees Methodist Church

**Thurs 5th & 19th Dec** **Late Night Shopping In Haworth (until 8pm)**

**Thurs 5th Dec 5pm** **Festival Late Night Opening by Candlelight** at the Bronte Parsonage Museum

**5th, 6th 17th, 18th 19th & 20th Dec** **Christmas Carol** Keighley & **Worth Valley Railway:**

www.kwvr.co.uk for full details

**Sat/Sun 7th & 8th & 21st & 22nd Dec 10am - 4pm** **Christmas Craft Fair** at the Old School Rooms Haworth

**Sat 7th Dec 10am - 11.30 am**  
**Coffee Morning** at Lees Methodist Church

**Sat 7th Dec 12 noon to 3 pm** **Town Hall Square**  
**Keighley Town Council Centenary** of Keighley Cenotaph.



**Sat 7th Dec 2pm**  
**Oakworth Village Society**  
**Christmas Fayre** at Oakworth Village Hall

**Sat 7th Dec 4.30pm** **Oakworth Village Christmas Lights switch on** outside **Holden Park** with Christmas stalls, refreshments entertainment

**Sat 7th & Sun 8th Dec 12 -2pm**  
**Santa's Grotto** at **Central Park Bowling Club, Haworth Central Park** Free gift for children between the age of 3-8year old. Refreshments offered (cash only please)

**Sat 7th & Sun 8th Dec** **Torchlight Parade Weekend** in **Haworth 17:30.** Arrive early to buy your wands, explore the charming shops, and gather around the stunning Christmas tree before the parade sets off to light up the night.

**Sun 8th Dec 10am** **Skipton Christmas Markets** **High Street** with over 100 festive stalls!



**Mon 9th Dec "The Friends of Oakworth Park** are holding their annual **Christmas Sing Song** in the **Holden Park (OAKWORTH) 6.30pm** start. Haworth ukulele will be accompany us, along with the playing of the lovely bagpipes to welcome the start of our event. There will a warming drink along with a slice of something tasty. Oh and "Don't forget to wrap up warm and bring you torch!"

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**Thurs 12th & Fri 13th Dec Festive Flyer on the Keighley & Worth Valley Railway, Haworth**

**Sat 14th & Sun 15th Dec Festive Music Weekend, Main Street, Haworth** Enjoy the sounds of carolers, live bands, and solo performers. Explore the delightful shops and cafés showcasing their festive window displays.

**Sat 14th Dec Carol Service Train Keighley & Worth Valley Railway. Sun 15th Dec 12pm The Haworth Band** is on Haworth Main Street.

**Sun 15th Dec Haworth to Oxenhope circular. 4 miles, moderate.** Meet for 10.30 start on Belle Isle Road, Haworth:

[www.ramblers.org.uk/keighley](http://www.ramblers.org.uk/keighley)

**Sun 15th Dec 10am - 3pm Haworth Christmas Artisan Market** Central Park Haworth

**Fri 20th Dec 7pm The Haworth Band** is at St Michaels Church Haworth  
**Sat 21st & Sun 22nd Dec Nativity Weekend** in Haworth

**Thurs 26th Dec to 5th Jan Mince Pie Specials on the Keighley & Worth Valley Railway.**

**Thurs 26th Dec 11am Traditional Boxing Day Walk** 5 mile circular Meet at Haworth Church (Main Street)

**Sat 28th Dec 12 - 3.30pm Keighley & District Model Engineering Society Miniature Train Rides at Marley Playing Fields, Keighley.** Steam and electric trains providing rides for all ages. Great family afternoon out. Details at [www.kdmes.org.uk/trains](http://www.kdmes.org.uk/trains)

**Sun 29th Dec 10am - 2pm Keighley Table Tennis Open Day** Keighley Business Centre South Street, Keighley.

**Sun 5th Jan 2pm Tewitt Lane Oakworth Memorial Service for the 80th Anniversary** of the death of 6 Royal Canadian Air Force Officers.



**Press the Pause Button**  
by Sue Clements

*“Will you press the pause button?”  
He asked before the prayers.  
A halt, a wait—so sudden?  
Can we quickly forget our cares?”*

*But still, say to it all: stop.  
Sit by the window, see the sky.  
“Do you know it’s wrong—the clock?  
Do you know that time can die?”*

*“I’ve found a way to get it going.”  
No, leave it standing at ten to three.  
Though it’s a face of our showing,  
We want—we want eternity.*

*One winter night to come here,  
With pauses like bells ringing,  
Like stars, like carols frosty-clear,  
The high, far seraphim singing.*

*(This poem was inspired by  
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The location of last month's competition was The Golden Fleece in Oakworth and the winner was Catherine Ward from Bingley



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# BEHIND THE SCENES AT THE MUSEUM

The end of one year and the start of another signals something exciting here at the Museum – our conservation period. Every January, the incredible objects in our collection enjoy an early spring clean! These items are important to both our local history and for telling the story of English Literature on a global scale. It's important to make sure every object remains in the best condition possible, so we take out, unwrap, and carefully examine each one. Curator Sarah Laycock explains how it works: "The conservation period is the busiest time of year for the Curatorial team. We redisplay all the exhibition cases with different objects each year, cleaning the whole house and storerooms from top to bottom, inspecting every object in the collection to check for any signs of deterioration."



Iconic items from the collection include clothes worn by the Brontë family, like this going-away dress of Charlotte's.

Not only is this process important, it's also a special opportunity to see all our collection items up close. Everyone at the Museum is passionate about the Brontë story – so being able to handle the items that were important to the family is a real treat for many of our staff and volunteers. As Development Officer and Visitor Experience Assistant Elysia Brown says, "The conservation period is particularly

exciting, as this is when we get closest to the Brontës through caring for their most personal items. I'm able to bring my love for literature into the physical world, by looking after the home in which so many of my favourite works were written!"

During conservation period, we're closed to the public from Monday to Friday, while our wonderful Visitor Experience team arms themselves with brushes and cloths to start the process of cleaning the house and going through our collection items one by one.

It's at this time that we take out the objects the Museum is most famous for – such as the 'little books' written by the Brontë children, the sisters' writing desks, items of clothing, and much more. We can't display everything in our collection at once, so many of these items are carefully

stored away again after conservation. We'll still be open at the weekends in January, so do come on over to the Museum – and remember, local residents enjoy concessionary prices and children 11 and under go free. Keep an eye on our website ([bronte.org.uk](http://bronte.org.uk)) and social media channels for news of our exciting 2025 special exhibition coming in February!

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First of all, can say how unbelievably grateful I am to everyone who placed their trust in me for a second time during the recent general election. It really was an odds-defying night and I've learnt to take absolutely nothing for granted! My commitment to everyone, no matter how you voted, is to work tirelessly with continued energy and enthusiasm in the years ahead to make sure our voices are heard down in Westminster.

And what an incredibly busy first few months it has been back representing you.

There's a lot to celebrate so far locally. The rebuild of Airedale Hospital is progressing as planned, and after lobbying Health Secretary Wes Streeting, I have secured assurances from the Government that they will no longer seek delays to the project under the New Hospital Programme review.

Investment in our area is also coming to fruition too. After I wrote to the Deputy Prime Minister and Chancellor it has also been excellent to confirm that Levelling-Up money for Keighley and the Worth Valley will be going ahead in full. This means more investment for the Keighley Worth Valley Railway, such as Bridge 27 which is now complete, as well as a new Robotics Hub, funding to combat crime, and money to invest in our high streets.

We saw in September the Government remove the Winter Fuel Payment for most pensioners which strips up to £300 from over 64,000 people across the Bradford District. Whilst I voted against these changes, they have unfortunately not been able to be stopped. I'd like to urge any pensioners who haven't done so already to double check if they are eligible for Pension Credit, which can provide much needed support during the cold months ahead. If you need assistance, then please don't hesitate to contact me.

You may also have seen my work as the Shadow Farming Minister, Changes in the budget are having a huge impact on our farmers. I met with local farmers in November - all of them multi-generational businesses, with children and grandchildren who are keen to stay in farming. Our local farmers aren't multi-millionaires—they're the backbone of our rural economy, and I'll continue to be leading the fight in Parliament to support them.

Looking ahead there is much to do in the New Year. The Levelling-Up projects in the pipeline need to be delivered as quickly as possible. Our farmers will continue to need all our support as the fight to save their livelihoods. And on Walshaw Moor we must be prepared to stand against the proposed Wind Farm, right in the heart of Brontë Country. On all these issues I look forward to working closely with local campaigners and community champions.

I am convinced that our area remains a place of hope and opportunity and there is so much more to celebrate on the horizon. And as your MP, I'm going to be continuing to put local issues at the forefront of everything I do.

**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!**

~ Robbie Moore MP Keighley and Ilkley



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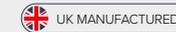
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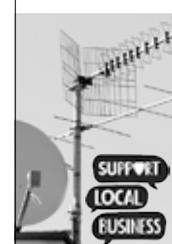
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## Christmas Trimmings

Good homemade accompaniments to the Christmas meal, such as stuffing and bread sauce really make the difference on the day and are not difficult. Most of the prep can be done the day before. When it comes to the breadcrumbs, I just buy packs of panko breadcrumbs which are easily available in most supermarkets these days rather than make my own.

### Herb and butter stuffing

**Ingredients:** (makes enough for a 12lb turkey)

- 250g unsalted butter
- 1 large onion, finely chopped
- 250g Panko or white breadcrumbs
- 2 large lemons
- 8 tablespoons finely chopped fresh parsley
- 2 tablespoons of finely chopped fresh herbs (i.e. thyme, oregano, rosemary or sage)
- 3 large eggs, beaten
- Salt
- Freshly ground black pepper

### Method

Melt the butter in a large sauté pan over a medium heat, tip in your onion and gently soften for 10 minutes, stirring occasionally so the onions don't colour. Once soft, set to one side to cool a little whilst you zest and juice your lemons. Take a large bowl and lob in your

breadcrumbs, first followed by the onions, lemon zest, parsley, herbs, salt and pepper. Give everything a good old mix then add the eggs and lemon juice and give it another mix, check for seasoning, be generous! This can be made a day ahead, covered and refrigerated. If you're going to stuff your turkey though, make sure both your stuffing is up to room temperature before using and be careful not to over fill as it expands during cooking. If cooking separately, place in a suitably sized buttered baking dish and cook for 40-50 minutes at 180C.

### Bread sauce

**Ingredients:** (makes enough for 6, double quantities if you have more guests)

- 500ml whole milk (not skimmed or semi)
- 1 medium onion, finely chopped
- 2 dried bay leaves, crumbled
- 2 sprigs of thyme
- 8 cloves
- 12 or so whole black peppercorns
- 100g unsalted butter
- Salt
- 50ml double cream
- Ground white pepper
- 120g panko or white breadcrumbs

### Method

This first stage can be done on Christmas Eve. Put the milk in a pan with the onion, bay leaves, cloves, peppercorns, butter and a good pinch of salt, heat until almost simmering and hold at this temperature for 5 minutes. Turn off the heat, cover and leave to cool. If doing this the day before, once cool, strain into an airtight container and refrigerate, discard the solids. About half an hour before you plan to serve, strain into a clean pan and heat through, adding a few pinches of white pepper and the cream. Heat until hot but not boiling then add the breadcrumbs a heaped tablespoon at a time. Give it a good old stir with a wooden spoon and wait for 30 seconds or so between adding each batch of breadcrumbs. Repeat this until your sauce is to your desired thickness and consistency. Transfer into a warm serving bowl, cover with foil and keep warm until serving.

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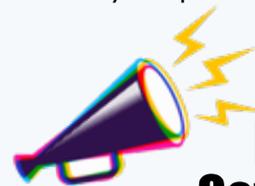
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These days most homeowners suffer from a lack of storage space. So many precious items that need to be kept - but where to store it all? That's where Yorkshire Loft Ladders come in. The company, based locally, offers homeowners the opportunity to maximise their storage space with a loft ladder, 50 sq ft of boarding and a light all fully fitted in less than a day from just £277 + VAT. But it's not just the affordability of the package the company offers that makes Yorkshire Loft Ladders stand out as manager Mark Hodson explains: 'Our watchwords are Quality, Integrity and Value. Quality in the materials that we use for all our installations and the fact that all our loft packages are fitted by time served tradesman so our customers are assured of the best job. Integrity in that we will turn up at the time we say and make sure the house is spotless when we leave, and Value in that we offer our services at a price people can afford. Our business relies on referrals and we get a huge

amount of our calls from people who have been referred to us by our existing customers - that simply wouldn't happen if we didn't adhere to our overriding principles.

At the end of the day the old adage that happy customers lead to more happy customers is true and we work hard to make that happen for every installation we carry out!

So, if you want to make use of your loft space, however big or small, call Warren on 0800 612 8359 and he'll be happy to pop round and give you a no obligation quote so you too can make use of your loft.



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