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Welcome to Hopton

If you are new to Hopton, welcome! A copy of Village News will be delivered through your door every month. It should help you keep in touch with what's going on in Hopton. If you have any queries or we can help in any way please contact Julie, Clerk to the Council on 01502 730768 or pop into the Office at the Village Hall, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9.30am to 1.30pm. The Parish Council's website also has information at the click of a mouse.

www.hopton-on-seapc.info

We look forward to seeing you at one of the many events being held throughout the year in the village. There is also a Hopton Residents Facebook page (managed by residents).

HELP WITH THE COST OF LIVING.

The link below may be of interest to residents. It contains information relating to the Norfolk Cost of Living Support Directory. So if you are struggling to make ends meet, please use the website below to see what help is available to you.

<https://healthwatchnorfolk.co.uk/information-and-advice/cost-of-living-support/>

There is also Hopton's local charity Hopton-on-Sea Relief in Need and they can be contacted via e-mail at:
hoptoninneedcharity@outlook.com

COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

Make some room in your diary to support a local event ...

Are you involved in organising a local event? Let us know and we can spread the word. Contact hoptonparishclerk@hotmail.com or phone **01502 730768** and speak to Julie. Copy deadline is **12th** of each month for inclusion in the following monthly edition.

Every Sunday at 11am Service at **St. Margaret's Church.**

PlayVan: every Thursday at the church 9.15 - 11.15am.

Youth Club: every Friday 7 - 9pm during term time.

December:
Hopton in Lights. Best decorated house/front garden or window display.

10 December Christmas Carols around the Ruins with mini market. See inside.

18 December at 3pm Carol Service at St. Margaret's Church.

Christmas Eve 11.30pm Midnight Mass at St. Margaret's Church. See also list of services inside.

January:
8th January Christingle at St. Margaret's Church.

To find out what's on at Hopton Village Hall, view their website:

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Parish Council website:
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News from St. Margaret's Church



Monday 12th December 9.30am School Christingle (for information only)
Sunday 18th December 3:00pm Carol Service in the church
Saturday 24th December 5.00pm Crib Service
Saturday 24th December 11:30pm Midnight Mass
No Service 25th December at St Margarets Church
Sunday 25th December 10:00am at St Peters Church Gunton
New Years Day no service at Hopton

St. Margaret's Church has had a good year. The Drop In, Little Footprints, Craft Fayres, Teddy services and Open the Book are all flourishing and we are meeting new people and seeing children playing in the building and enjoying the surroundings. We are still moving forward with plans to refurbish the rooms attached to the church. Except on the days listed there will be a service at St Margarets Church every Sunday at 11:00am with the exception of the 5th Sunday in the month when it will be either at Corton, Gunton or Hopton in turn. Check on the notice board in the churchyard for specific dates. There was only one absence we noticed this year, and that was you! Come and join in with us.

From all who meet at St Margarets Church we wish all of you A very Happy Christmas as we recall the birth of a very special baby and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

If anyone would like to try their hand at decorating the church for Christmas let me know. The plan is to have a Christmas Tree theme on each window sill. How you create or decorate the tree and what goes around or on it will be up to the person or group who create it.

Please contact me: **Irene**
01502 731066

The Parish Council recently purchased a Christmas Tree which has been planted in the Millennium Garden. The tree is on the south side, near the boundary with the school (just past the apple orchard). The location is due to an electricity supply coming from the school for which we are very grateful. The Parish Council has made a donation to the school to cover the cost of electricity to light up the tree from . . .

5 December 2022 to 5 January 2023.
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Parish Council website:
www.hopton-on-seapc.info

Next meeting dates:

12 December 2022. Sausage rolls, mince pies and refreshments.

Meeting dates 2023:

9 January 2023, 13 February, 13 March, 3 April,
 15 May (Annual Parish Council Meeting), 12 June, 10 July,
 14 August, 11 September, 9 October, 13 November, 11 December.

Your Parish Cllrs are:-

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Jan Windsor-Luck, Vice-Chairman	07941145152
Keith Bradley	07561266209
Yvonne Bradley	07879284973
Sue Hacon	01493 444271
Pamela Oakes	07850584679
Callum Smith	07795419812
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Ruth Straughan	07801658612
John Tonks	07956 873232
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There is a Parish Cllr vacancy at Hopton. If you would like more information and an application form please contact Julie.

Your Borough Councillors:

Carl Annison (also County Cllr)	01493 656854
Sue Hacon	01493 444271
Katy Stenhouse	07526317590

Your MP:

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If you are interested in joining the Parish Council,
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 Hall by the 12th of the month, for inclusion in the
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Your
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 volunteers in the village, who
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 distribute Village News magazine
 on a monthly basis. Also the many
 regular litter pickers and the residents
 that help with the SAM2 camera and
 battery changes. Thank you.

Wishing you all a very Happy
 Christmas and Peaceful
 New Year.



**Have you thought about
 helping the community you live in?**

Parish Council Elections are to be held on
4 May 2023. Nomination papers will be available
 early next year. If you are interested in making a

difference where you live,

contact the Clerk on **01502 730768**

or e-mail: **hoptonparishclerk@hotmail.com**

All existing Parish Cllrs automatically step down
 in May but are able to re-stand for election if they
 wish. There will be **11** vacancies.

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2. Warm And Well - Toiletries To Go (Adult bags) containing: shampoo, bodywash, deodorant and toothpaste.

3. Warm And Well - Toiletries To Go (Children's bag) containing: shampoo, bodywash, bubble bath & toothpaste.

4. Tricky Period To Go: Two packs of sanitary pads (1 normal, 1 super/night or long in the case of some supplies).

5. Vests and toothbrushes will also be available on request.

6. Hot drinks will be available during staffed library hours: tea, coffee, instant soup, hot chocolate and biscuits.

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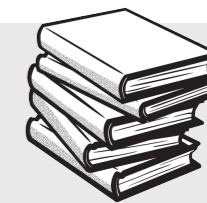
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10 December 2022, 3pm to 7.30pm
in the Millennium Garden/Ruins on Coast Road.

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11 Jan 2023

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at the Village Hall.

Pumpkin, Scarecrow & Ghost Stories

Thank you to everyone who turned out for the **Pumpkin, Scarecrow and Ghost Stories** in the Ruins on Sunday 30th October. With 37 pumpkins entries and around 200 residents in attendance the evening was great fun and a huge success.

Congratulations to the Winners of the
Scarecrow Competition:

1st The Crotty Family

2nd Jennifer Anne

3rd The Yarrow Family

The winners of the
Pumpkin Carving Competition:

1st Daniel Harvey

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3rd Paul Barton

A massive thank you once again to our Sponsors: Arc Cinema Great Yarmouth, Chris Moore C Moore Plumbing & Heating, DB builders and ground workers and JSR Home & Garden Solutions Ltd.

Also a Big Thank you to Zoe Farrell for The Fabulous Ghost Stories, Co-op for the sweeties, Cafe2U UK, the Hopton Residents Events Team, and most importantly thank you to everyone who attended and took part in the Pumpkins & Scarecrows.

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HOPTON-ON-SEA PARISH COUNCIL

Minute of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 14 November 2022 commencing at 7.30pm at Hopton Village Hall, Station Road, Hopton-on-Sea NR31 9BE.

Present: Present: Parish Cllrs: Jan Windsor-Luck (Vice Chair – Chairing the meeting), Keith Bradley, Yvonne Bradley, Pamela Oakes, Callum Smith, Ruth Straughan, John Tonks. Also present: County/Borough Cllr. Carl Annison, Julie McNair, Officer of the Council and two members of the public.

The Chairman pointed out housekeeping matters.

1.To receive apologies for absence.

Apologies received from Parish Cllrs. Sue Hacon and Chris Ward.

2.To receive declarations of interest in respect of items on the agenda and consider any requests for dispensation.

Cllr. Oakes declared a financial interest in item 6.b) re Hopton Manor. Cllr. Smith declared a personal interest in item 6.b) re Gurney Close. Cllr. Tonks declared a personal interest in item 8.e).

3.Public Forum.

The matter of a letter from GYBC to a resident regarding the cutting back of ivy was raised. The resident was directed to Borough Cllr. Annison and the matter will be discussed by them following closure of the meeting.

4.To confirm the Minute of the Parish Council meeting held 10 October 2022.

It was proposed by Cllr. Oakes and seconded by Cllr. Tonks to approve the Minute as read. This was unanimously agreed.

5.To receive County and Borough Councillors' Reports.

County/Borough Cllr. Annison advised that the GYBC "hit squad" had cleared up the pine needles at the junction of Manor Gardens and Misburgh Way. The faulty street light Groomes Close/Anglian Way has now been repaired.

6.To receive and consider the Clerk's reports:-

a) Correspondence. As listed and circulated.

i) A resident mentioned that grass has overgrown the pathway fronting the Millennium Garden. The contract gardener has investigated by cutting back in several sections along the pathway and his report states that in most areas the grass has encroached over the pathway by only 1 inch, and in one or two places by up to 4

inches. This is not considered a significant encroachment at the present time.

ii) Round 4 of the Household Support Grant via Norfolk Community Funding is now available. As previously, the Parish Council will be making an application on behalf of some families in the village. The funding is to assist with the cost of utility bills (not food). **b) Planning applications received.** Cllr. Oakes declared a financial interest in the following planning application. Cllr. Oakes left the room and took no part in the discussion/voting.

06/22/0811/HH Proposed first floor extensions to existing dwelling and new double garage building with attic storage at Hopton Manor Hall Road Hopton-on-sea NR31 9BB. No objection.
06/22/0776/HH Proposed single storey extension to side and rear of dwelling to provide open plan kitchen/diner and study at 4 Gurney Close Hopton-on-sea NR31 9TZ. No objection.

06/22/0818/HH Proposed 2 storey side extension, porch extension and garage conversion. Construction of new detached garage at Farside Sidegate Road Hopton-on-sea. Application is with the Planning Committee for consideration. Cllr. Oakes returned to the meeting.

c. Finance. To agree November invoices for payment and bank reconciliation statement.

Eight payments and two direct debits from the business current account totalling £3,985.61 It was proposed by Cllr. Spencer and seconded by Cllr. Smith to accept the Bank reconciliation statement and confirm the payments as listed. This was unanimously agreed.

7. To consider matters relating to the Recreation Ground.

a) Progress of Lease. The matter is on-going between Norton Peskett, on behalf of the Parish Council, and NPLaw.

b) Wave water update. As agreed, £960.29 has been paid (via cheque) to Wave, covering the debit on the account. A new direct debit of £75.00 per month has been agreed. However, this is subject to review in six months. The Clerk will contact Wave to ascertain if there is a possible underground leak.

c) Laurel bushes front of Recreation Ground.

The Laurel bushes were planted in October 2021. They are slowly spreading and it was suggested that another 22ft length be planted in October 2023, subject to a suitable quote. The matter will be raised

again in the summer of 2023.

8. To consider matters relating to the Millennium Garden.

a) Exact location of Christmas tree.

The suggested location was circulated to all Cllrs. The tree has now been planted. It will need watering regularly in dry weather conditions.

b) Purchase of accessories including lighting and timer. Following discussion it was proposed by Cllr. Tonks and seconded by Cllr. Smith to purchase suitable weather proof lights for the tree with a timer, setting a budget of £30.00. This was unanimously agreed.

Cllr. Windsor-Luck to order.

c) Dates for lighting up the tree, subject to school agreement and donation. The lights will be on from 5th December 2022 to 5th January 2023 4pm to 6am. The school is seeking a financial contribution towards the cost of electricity of £210. Following discussion it was proposed by Cllr. K. Bradley and seconded by Cllr. Spencer to make a contribution of £210 towards the cost of electricity to the school. This was agreed by majority vote (one abstention).

d) Commemorative bench Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth 11 update.

David Ogilvie Engineering advise that if and when they produce a bench, the price guide will be between £1,100 and £1,600 plus VAT and delivery. This firm produced the two Remembrance Day benches (located at the Ruins and St. Margaret's Churchyard). The bench would sit comfortably between the two Queen's Platinum Jubilee trees at the Ruins. It was proposed by Cllr. Tonks and seconded by Cllr. Spencer to include £1,600 in the 2023/24 budget. This was unanimously agreed.

e) Quotation from Willows Gardening. Their quotation is £20 per hour (per gardener). The existing gardener's fee is £16.50 per hour, rising to £17.00 per hour from 1st January 2023. It was proposed by Cllr. Smith and seconded by Cllr. Straughan to remain with the current gardener. This was agreed by majority vote (one abstention).

9. To receive updates/feedback from the previous Minutes.

a) Coastal path Hopton to Gorleston. The Norfolk Ramblers Association advise that Norfolk County Council (NCC) has started on the new replacement steps.

b) Halloween colouring competition.

Gifts have been distributed.

10. To review winter salt/grit bins around the village.

There are five bins located at the following junctions:- a) Seafields Drive with Lowestoft Road.

b) Hall Road with Lowestoft Road.

c) Noel Close with Lowestoft Road.

d) Warren Road with Coast Road/Station Road.

e) Seaview Rise with Coast Road.

The GYBC lorry grits Station Road going into Coast Road then onto Corton.

The cost of a regular box via NCC is in the region of £110 plus VAT. The Parish Council makes the purchase and gifts the box to NCC to fill, in an approved location. Following discussion, it was proposed by Cllr. Oakes and seconded by Cllr. Y. Bradley not to purchase any additional grit bins. This was unanimously agreed.

11. To consider GYBC consultation Public Space Protection Orders No. 2 relating to dog control.

Paperwork has previously been circulated to all Cllrs. All enclosed play areas have a dog ban under the PSPO. It is strongly recommended that dogs are kept on leads on the Recreation Ground. The Millennium Garden is owned by the Parish Council and there are signs stating that dogs must be kept on a lead. No changes are to be made.

12. To pass a resolution: Pursuant to Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 it is resolved that, because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, the public and the press leave the meeting during consideration of item 13 below.

It was proposed by Cllr. Smith and seconded by Cllr. Oakes that the Resolution above is passed. This was unanimously agreed. The Resolution was duly passed. Members of the public and press left the meeting.

13. To receive notification of National Salary Award 2022/23, to be backdated from 1 April 2022.

The Clerk provided details. The new National Salary Award has been approved, with effect from 1st April 2022, plus one additional days annual leave from 1st April 2023. It was proposed by Cllr. Oakes and seconded by Cllr. Tonks to confirm the National Salary Award and Spinal Column Point pay increase, backdated to 1st April 2022 and one extra days annual leave for next year. This was unanimously agreed.

14. To receive recommendations from the Policies & Finance Advisory Committee (P & F AC) regarding precept/budgets for 2023/24.

The P & F AC met last month and went through the proposed budgets for income and expenditure. Information regarding the

tax base is awaited from GYBC and once this is to hand the P & F AC will meet again. Their recommendations to full Council will be made at the December or January meeting.

15. To confirm the date and time of the next meeting of Hopton-on-Sea Parish Council.

Confirmed Monday 12 December 2022, 7.30pm at Hopton Village Hall.

Sausage rolls and light refreshments will be available free of charge to those attending

Note: Parish Council Elections to be held on 4 May 2023, and additional Bank Holiday for the King's Coronation on Monday 8 May. The Annual Parish Council meeting will therefore be held on Monday 15 May 2023.

The meeting closed at 8.05pm.

These Minutes are in draft format and unconfirmed until approved at the next Parish Council meeting.

The Clerk to the Parish Council can be contacted in the following ways:-

E-Mail:

hoptonparishclerk@hotmail.com

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01502 730768 (message service)

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Hopton C.E Primary Academy Harvest Festival

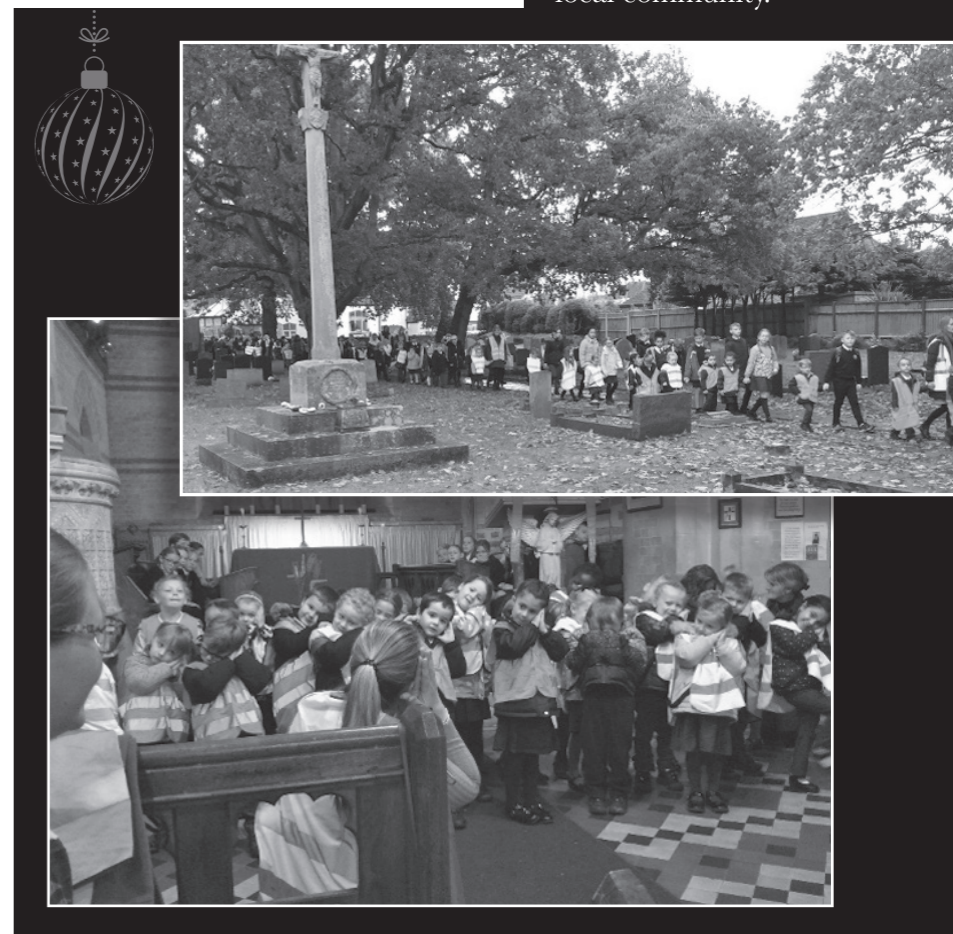
Hopton School were overjoyed to be able to return to St. Margaret's Church for their annual Harvest Festival service.

Before the service, parents were extremely generous and brought in bags of food that went to the Salvation Army to help families in our community.

The majority of the service was conducted by the pupils of the school with song, prayer, artwork and poetry.

Reception class had their debut performance with the song Dingle Dangle Scarecrow in the church with an audience of their peers.

As a school, Hopton are very much looking forward to returning back to enjoying different activities within the local community.



Quick Quiz

(answers at the side).

- 1. Where did the Christmas tree originate from?
- 2. What is the highest grossing Christmas film of all time?
- 3. Where do Christmas gnomes come from?
- 4. In what film would you hear the greeting 'Merry Christmas, ya filthy animal'?
- 5. Before turkey, what was the traditional Christmas Day meal in England?



1. Germany is credited with starting the Christmas tree tradition as we now know it in the 16th century when devout Christians brought decorated trees into their homes. Some built Christmas pyramids of wood and decorated them with evergreens and candles. If wood was scarce.

2. The Grinch. Dollars:512,858,819.

3. Gnomes stem from Nordic and Scandinavian mythology. They are meant to be something like a mix of a gnome and a hobgoblin. In the original folklore, these curious little creatures were said to take a liking to barns or houses in the colder seasons.

4. Home Alone 2: Lost in New York.

5. The traditional choices were beef, venison and wild boar, but the Tudors also ate a range of wild animals and birds that we wouldn't eat today, including badger, blackbird and woodcock. Turkey's first came to England in 1523 and during the Tudor period were seen as an exotic delicacy.

Answers and explanations:



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Hopton-on-Sea Youth Club

Friday 9th December will be our last night prior to the Christmas break. This night will be filled with party games, hotdogs and ice cream. We will reopen Friday 6th January 2023.

To ensure we have a smooth and quick entry into the club on a Friday night especially now the winter nights are setting in, first time members must have

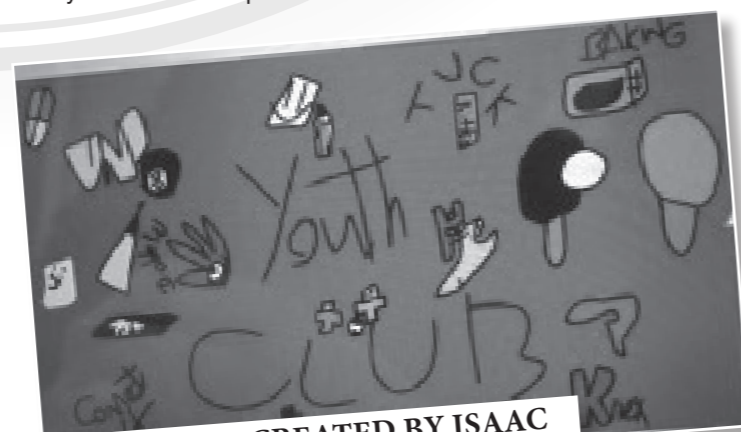
- handed in a completed form to a volunteer at the youth club or posted in the village hall post box or emailed a copy to hoptonyouthclub@outlook.com
- had approval from a volunteer that your membership has been accepted
- been advised of a start date

Members turning up at the door with their completed forms will be turned away as completed forms are required prior to their first night so that administration for the new member can be completed. We only accept new members at the start of each term.

For enrolment to start 6th January 2023 please pick up a form from the Village Hall when we are there Friday's 6:30pm till 9pm until 9th December (this can also be filled out at the time) or alternately email hoptonyouthclub@outlook.com to be sent a copy. All forms are to be completed and returned by Wednesday 21st December 2022. If this date is missed the next membership enrolment will be to start 24th February 2023.

Hopton Youth Club Wall of Fame

We wish all our members, their families and the village a very Merry Christmas and peaceful New Year.



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If you have any questions or would like to volunteer and help out on an evening, please call Liz on 07729 093748 or email hoptonyouthclub@outlook.com, we look forward to hearing from you.

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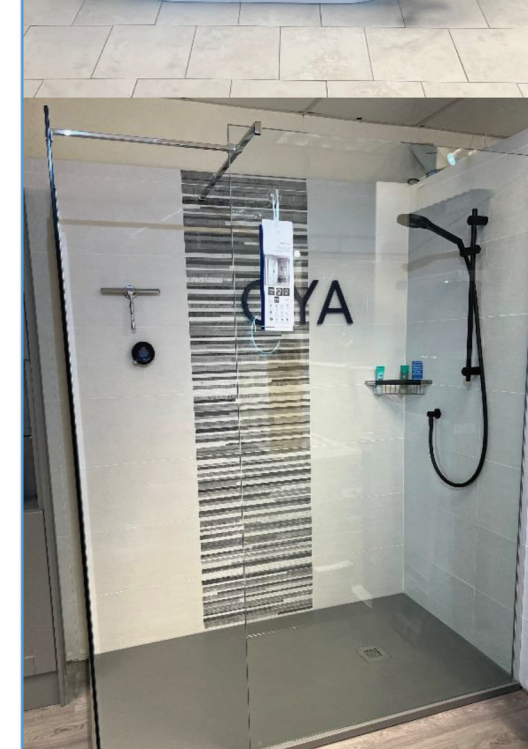
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