

WEST HALTON AND COLEBY NEWSETTER

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Hello again everyone – many thanks for all the positive feedback we received from our first newsletter and we are glad people enjoyed receiving it. We have listened to all the comments so we hope that this edition is more pleasing on the eyes – maybe we were too keen and tried to cram too much into our first edition 😊 Spring is well and truly with us now and our villages look lovely with all the spring flowers in bloom.



NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

We have a new NHW co-ordinator - Mr Graham Gunthorpe. Many thanks to him for volunteering.

Graham's contact E mail is

grahamgunthorpe@hotmail.com

If you have any concerns or spot anything suspicious, please do report these to Graham and he will take them to the Safer Neighbourhood Team at NLC.

All residents should have received a pack through the post containing a Tradewatch sticker and further information. Trade Watch is a voluntary scheme where residents will not agree to any work offered to them on the doorstep and they will report any suspicious activity to Humberside Police. We have secured new NHW signs for both villages, along with Tradewatch posters and these will be installed on lamp posts in the following weeks.

We have been lucky to have had a large number of 'in the green' snowdrops donated. These have been planted around the village field, underneath some of the trees. It may take a couple of years for them to settle in to produce a display, but eventually should look lovely.

The newly planted daffodil 'run' from short lane towards churchside looked wonderful this year. Many thanks to the resident for donating and planting all these.

We are so lucky in our two communities to have a large band of 'silent volunteers' who regularly tidy flower beds, trim long grass, pull weeds, re-stain furniture, carry out frequent litter picks, empty bins and plant up areas. Many thanks to you all for giving up your time and effort to help keep our two communities clean, tidy and enjoyable places in which to live

Lions presentation

A group from Winterton Lions, along with PC members and several Coleby residents braved the cold and wet on Good Friday in Coleby, when a presentation of a plaque took place. Winterton Lions installed a plaque on the Coleby bus shelter to acknowledge their contribution towards the costs of the shelter. The residents and PC expressed their grateful thanks to the Lions for their generous donation. Many thanks to the Coleby volunteers who regularly clean and weed around the shelter. The noticeboards are well used and the book swap is proving very popular



Humberside Police came along for another community 'drop in' on 28th March 10-12. They are hoping to continue this as a regular opportunity for residents to pop in and to discuss any issues concerning them. Please keep an eye out for up and coming dates on the Parish noticeboards and social media.

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19 children came along to our February Scavenger Hunt on a bright breezy spring day. Everyone had great fun searching for all the clues around the village, even though there was a bit of cheating going on from time to time! The free biscuits and sweets went down a treat and the bacon sarnies were excellent too. ! 😊

The committee applied to NLC for a 'D-Day' grant of £250.00 and we are pleased to announce that this has been awarded. These funds will go towards our planned D-Day celebrations. Watch this space, social media and community noticeboards for more information as our plans come together

What great fun we had at our Fashion Show in March. XX people came along and enjoyed a fashion parade put on by our brave volunteers. After the show people had the chance to make some bargain purchases. Many thanks to everyone who attended this event to make it the success it was, especially our volunteer models ! and praise to all the committee members for all their hard work in planning the event. 4 out of 10 resident ladies in West Halton and Coleby are now sporting the same summer top 😊 😊

Dates for your diary

Every Thursday 10.00 – 12.00 Coffee morning £1

Every Tuesday 14.00 – 16.00 £2.00 pp

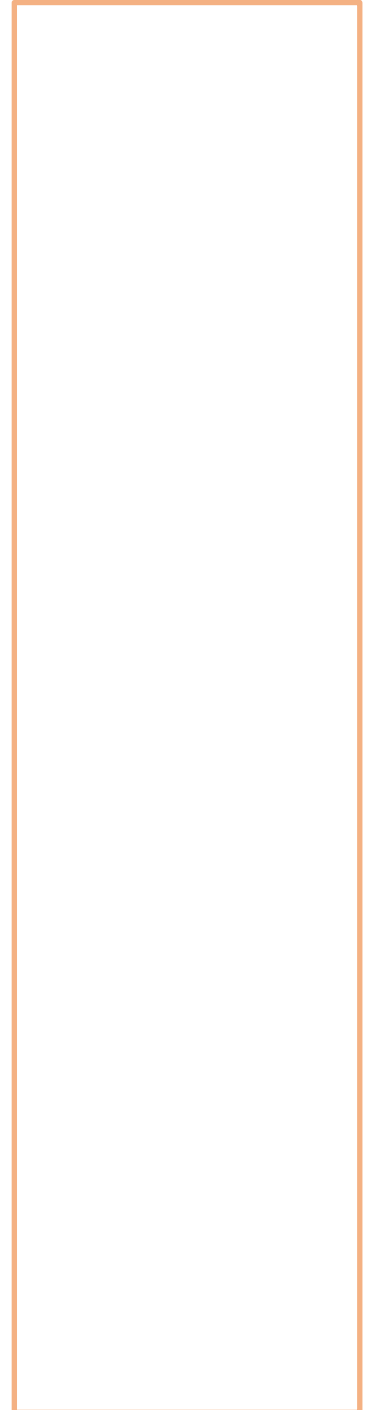
Easter Egg Hunt – village Field

Summer Camp out on the field

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We welcomed a new councillor at our March Meeting. Mrs M Spellman. Mac has lived in West Halton for 9 years, so we look forward to her becoming an active member of our council. In April, Mr Sam Duck decided (with a little persuasion!) to join the parish council. Sam was co-opted at our April meeting and it is a delight to have a younger member of the community on the council. This now brings our total number of councillors to 6 – which is a full council – the first time we have had this for several years. Please welcome them both to the council.

The beacon plan is coming along at a pace. We have a 'basket' ready and we need a pole onto which this can be fixed. Our resident Mr Fixit is currently working on this project and we hope to have something ready for the Village Hall D-Day celebrations in June.



Would you like to join a community speed watch group? Could you give up an hour a month or on a rolling rota? The speed watch group would entail some volunteers attending a training session with the local police. After this training session the group can then arrange to borrow speed guns from the police and to stand and check speeding vehicles in their villages.

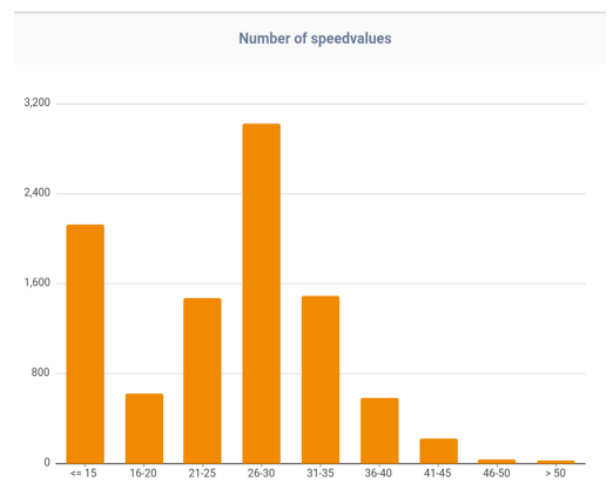
If you are interested, please do contact the Clerk or any member of the council.

Coleby Defib

At the April meeting, the council selected a supplier, and a grant application has been sent into NLC to help with the cost of the purchase. Please watch the noticeboards, social media and the council web page for progress.

SPEEDING SIGN (SID)

At last, 😊 we have a SID in place. Our thanks go to NLC for their generous community grant of £3500 towards the purchase of the sign and poles. The sign is currently situated on the Whitton Road entrance to West Halton. The sign is battery powered (re-chargeable) so when the battery has run down, the PC will remove the sign, install a replacement charged battery and then re-locate the sign to a different pole. Data and statistics are now being collected from the sign and these will be available on the parish council web site, this newsletter and on the noticeboards. The first indications are that 75% of drivers actually do adhere to the limit in this area, but this means that 25% do not. One record shows a speed detected of 75mph!! The statistics will be examined monthly – Lets determine just how fast some of these drivers go and see if these signs act as deterrents. Some inconsiderate people will continue to speed however all we can do is try to mitigate the impact as much as possible.



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After the flooding in January 2024, the PC contacted the LLFA at NLC. The **Lead Local Flood Authority** was established after the 2007 flooding and their remit is to carry out flood investigations. A team visited West Halton 7th March, and met with the councillors and local residents. Several areas were inspected; Walker Close, Water Lane and Coleby Road (adjacent to the Cemetery). The first inspection was of the drains in Walker Close. These drains have been poorly maintained for years and one is blocked by a broken drain rod stuck inside it!. The LLFA helped to contact Ongo and establish ownership. In late March a large tanker spent all day jetting and cleaning the drains down White House Lane and in Walker Close, with Water Lane being next on the list. Early April will see more work taking place on Coleby road, outside the Old Rectory. The PC are busy mapping the water catchment areas of West Halton Beck, and putting together a model, along with photos to illustrate what happens when Water Lane and Coleby Road floods. This will be presented to the LLFA to help with their further investigations.

2nd May 2024 18.30 West Halton Village Hall is the date for the Annual Parish Assembly. This is where the Parish Council report back to the electorate on its activities during the last year and what activities it has planned for the new financial year. This meeting is an opportunity for parishioners to come along and speak to the council in a more informal setting. Everyone is welcome.

The Annual Parish Assembly is followed by the Annual Parish Council meeting, at which the officers of Chair and Vice Chair are elected.

The council are pleased to announce that we were successful in our 'In Bloom' application. The Council were awarded a total of £435.00.

This will go towards the purchase of 3 new wood planters and plants for the new and existing planters. NLC are encouraging all councils to use more sustainable planting such as grasses, evergreens and perennials so the council will shop around and find the best deals. Some summer bedding will also be purchased to provide that bright summer splurge of colour

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL

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Pay West Halton & Coleby Parish Council	Date 15th March 2024
Four Hundred and Thirty Five Pounds Only	£435
North Lincolnshire Council	

The last patch of ivy along Churchside wall is proving to be extremely troublesome to remove. The team have been out at the end of February however some of the ivy has turned into tree trunks, so we need to get some stronger kit to help us. Once we have some better weather the intrepid band of volunteers will be out again, hopefully this time completing the task.

Sometimes it is necessary to spray the ivy and weeds to keep them under control. The PC usually use an environmentally friendly mix of vinegar, salt and washing up liquid, however sometimes a proprietary weed killer is utilised. The PC only use off the shelf weed killers; ones which are readily available to everyone for purchase and when applying we are extra careful.

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ST ETHELDREDAS CHURCH

Sadly, we have had to take the decision to remove one of the sycamore trees within the churchyard. After the large branch fell off, it was found that the remainder of the tree was totally unstable and could potentially fall onto the church. LA Tree Surgeons came along and did a fantastic, skilled job of removing the remaining tree.

Once the work has been completed safely, the wood will be made the available to villagers. In return we kindly ask for a donation toward the costs the church has incurred. Please look out for the notices advising when the wood will be available



Our service on 24th March was well attended with over 12 parishioners, some from other parishes attending. A lot of robust and enjoyable singing took place, especially from the younger members of the congregation.

Our next services are planned as follows;

April 28th 11.15 Holy Communion

May 26th 11.15 Holy Communion

June 23rd 11.15 Holy Communion

As always, there is a warm welcome to all our regular parishioners and any new people who wish to come along and worship in our lovely church.

Rev David Beverley will be taking these services. Rev Beverley is a retired priest who is currently assisting around the parishes whilst a new incumbent is being selected.

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Further dates for your diary

Act of Remembrance – date to be confirmed in November

Harvest Festival – to be confirmed – September/October

Is it too early to mentionCHRISTMASp 😊 ??

1st December 2024. Candle lit lantern Christmas Carols in the Churchyard, followed by a procession to the village field for the Christmas lights switch on. The Village Hall bar will be open after the light show and the committee are looking at possibly supplying food. More details to be firmed up as the year progresses.

The PCC will be hosting their annual popular Christmas Wreath Making in December. More details on timings and costs will be provided once a date has been confirmed.

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Parish Council

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West Halton
Cllr Ian Williams; Mayfield, White House Lane,
West Halton
Cllr Janet Van Der Westhuizen; 4, Walker Close,
West Halton
Cllr John Clough; Wyvern, Water Lane, West Halton
Parish Clerk Frances Altoft; Mayfield White House
Lane, West Halton
Cllr Marina Spellman; Manor Court, West Halton
Cllr Sam Duck; The Bungalow, Water Lane,
West Halton

Parochial Church Council

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West Halton.
Mr Derek Townend; Harvesters Rest, West Halton.
Mr Ian Robinson; Stonylea, West Street. West Halton