

WEST HALTON AND COLEBY COMMUNITY NEWSETTER

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2025 here we come. Happy New Year to all our residents. We hope that everyone had a lovely Christmas with friends and family. It's been a year since we launched this newsletter, and we do hope residents find it informative. If anyone has anything they would like to feature, please do contact the Parish Clerk via the council web site, any member of the VH committee or PCC.

Churchside

Several residents have asked if a mirror or 'danger hidden exit' sign can be installed at the junction of Churchside and Coleby Road. The PC has asked NLC however unfortunately our hands are tied on this one. NLC will not allow mirrors/signs to be randomly installed on highways, even though we all see these mirrors and signs along several sections of highway !!

We all agree that this is a very dangerous junction, and it is so difficult to see oncoming traffic when pulling out. All the PC can do is ask residents to take extreme care, and to please report any near misses to the Clerk or a parish councillor. The more information we have the more chance NLC will have to listen to residents' concerns and hopefully allow more traffic warning signs to be erected.

Have you a spare moment?

During the last year there have been many community projects and events that have taken place. Lots of positive feedback and comments have been received by all 3 community organisations; Village Hall, Parish Council and Parochial Church Council and we are so pleased to hear these comments and that a real community spirit is being developed. All 3 organisations are led by volunteers, and we need more people to come forward and offer some time. Even if it's only half an hour a month – any volunteer time is much appreciated. If you feel that you can help, please do contact anyone from the organisations. All contact names are shown on the back page of this newsletter. Thank you 😊

West Halton and Coleby Poppy collection

£170.74 was raised in the West Halton door to door Poppy collection and £94.10 in Coleby. Fabulous results! Thank you to all who contributed. To the West Halton resident who did the hard graft of walking around.

And a special shout out goes to our young Coleby collectors – you did us proud

Octopus Proposed wind turbine Consultation 29th October 2024

The Octopus team answered many concerned resident's questions. Several photos were displayed showing the impact of the position of the turbine.

However, it became apparent no photograph had been taken from a Coleby perspective, which is the residential area with the greatest impact. Octopus apologised for this error. The consultant visited Coleby, and a photograph is now on display on the web site.

Wintering bird ecology surveys still need to be concluded and the target for completion is the end of March. No planning application will be submitted until these surveys are finished

Visit the web page for the latest information

<https://octopus.energy/Grange-Tigger-Development-Project/>

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VILLAGE HALL NEWS

Happy New Year 2025 from the Committee of West Halton & Coleby Village Hall.

Well, 2024 certainly ended on a high for the Village Hall, and thank you to everyone who came to any of our events.

In October we held the 2nd Car boot/tabletop sale of 2024. This year we plan on trying something a little different, so keep an eye open for The Village Hall's monthly newsletter coming through your door, for further details.

In November we provided bacon butties and hot drinks following the Act of Remembrance at St Etheldreda's Church on 10th November. It was lovely to see how well supported the service was and thank you to those of you who went across to the hall afterwards. October also saw the kid's Halloween Party. All the children went home with big sugar rushes – sorry mums and dads. There was a dance troupe on the village green afterwards with spooky dancers, music and a laser show. Special thanks Dave and Amanda Evans and Pink Lemonade dance troupe.

November through December are always our busiest months and we held our Christmas Craft Fair and Santa's Grotto, the Christmas Tree Light Switch on and the Christmas Lunch. All of which have had some terrific feedback. So much so that we already have dates pencilled in for this year! We would like to thank Santa and his elves for their appearance on 24th November – just before the start of their busiest month. You certainly made the day for us and the children.

Carols outside the Church and the light switch on were well supported. Massive thanks to the Church members who led the Carols, and it was magical watching the children's faces when they helped to switch on the tree lights on the village green, afterwards.

What can we say about the support we received at the Christmas Lunch on Sunday 8th December? The hall looked amazing and thanks to Laura, Kiki and Holly – our waiting staff. You all did a great job. Polly and Suzanne, who were our chefs for the day and starting from 6am and finishing at around 5pm, produced a Christmas lunch to be proud of. We served around 50 people on the day, and we already have bookings for December this year!!!

In January 2025 we stepped in and served bacon butties and hot drinks to the local shoot – thanks guys and girls for thinking of us.

The Race Night on Saturday 18th January – another great event. Well done to the winners and commiserations to the losers. Pie and peas in the interval and the bar were, as always, was extremely busy. All profit from this event is going towards a much-needed shower room refit as it is currently out of use.

Due to the success of the Race Night, we are looking to run another one later in the year.

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Other planned events for 2025 include:

Annual Children's Easter Egg Hunt – Sunday 20th April

VE Day Event – Saturday 10th May - Street Party Theme

VJ Event – Saturday 16th August – followed by family camp out and laser show.

MacMillan coffee morning – September date to be advised

Scarecrow weekend – 27th – 28th September

Halloween Disco – 25th October 31st October or 1st November

Christmas Craft Fair – Sunday 23rd November

Children's Christmas Party – Saturday 29th November 2-4pm, followed by Christmas Tree light Switch on at 5pm.

Christmas Lunch – Sunday 7th December.

Volunteers for any of these events would be really appreciated. From selling tickets to helping to set up or clear up afterwards – and everything in between. Just speak to any committee member.

We are planning a series of updates and upgrades to the hall in 2025. Starting with refurbishing the shower, finishing the decorating of the coffee room and upgrading the lighting. In addition, we are looking for funding to refurb the toilets, installing solar panels and buying new sports equipment. So, Watch this space!

POWER CUTS!

Following the series of power cuts that we have had to endure over the last few weeks, we have decided to open the hall to everyone affected if this happens again. This is provided the hall isn't affected by the loss of power and we have a committee member who is available to open up the hall. We will provide a warm space and hot drinks. Keep an eye out for notifications on our Facebook page and let your neighbours know just in case they miss them.

EASTER EGGS - DONATIONS

If anyone would like to donate an Easter Egg for the Children's Easter Egg Hunt, it would be really appreciated. Just let any committee member know.

Thank you.



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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Flooding

West Halton once again was subjected to considerable flooding in January. The Council already has cases open with the relevant authorities, including the LLFA (Local Lead Flood Agency) and we want to assure residents we will keep pressure on these organisations until a suitable solution is found. In the meantime, when any future flooding occurs, please will residents to take photographs, note dates and times and send the information to the Parish Clerk. The more evidence we can bombard these people with, the more they will listen to our concerns. One positive note; the new culverts on Coleby Road have considerably improved water flow

National Lottery Community Grant Allotment mains water

The Council are pleased to announce that grant funding of £7226 has been awarded to enable mains water to be connected to the allotments on Coleby Road. A road closure will be required when the work commences. At the time of going to press, there is no time scale as to when this closure will take place.

West Halton hill refuse site

Many residents will have noticed large lorries continually going in and out of the tip on West Halton hill and concerns were raised as to what is happening. Speculation was that plans were being made to extend the solar farm, as official surveying type people had also been spotted. After consulting several agencies, we have received confirmation that the solar farm is not being extended, and the soil was being laid as some areas had become unstable.

HCCP Carbon Capture Pipeline

Signs have been appearing around both parishes relating to the HCCP project. The signs are relating to an EIA scoping request. The EIA Scoping Report is to allow consultees for feedback on the scope of the proposed assessment of key topics, including traffic, heritage, ecology and agriculture. The planning application can be viewed through this link.

[PA/SCO/2025/1 | North Lincolnshire Planning Portal](https://pa.sco/2025/1/north-lincolnshire-planning-portal)

Early 2025 will see further engagement with Parish Councils. As soon as the council receive any information, we will let people know via the noticeboards, social media and the council web site. The formal statutory consultation is being planned for mid-2025. For further information visit the project web site via this link

<https://nephccp.co.uk>

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Community Pay Back

The Community Pay Back (CPB) made a final visit in September. The trees along the north side of the field were crown lifted and the areas underneath strimmed and tidied up.

Another excellent job!

They will revisit in early 2025 and the proposal is that teams will clean and redefine the footpaths in Coleby. Over the years the grass has crept over the tarmac area and the pathway is supposed to be at least another foot in width.

SID Speeding sign

Latest stats from the SID sign located at the northern entrance to Coleby show someone driving at over 80mph. Why some people insist on driving at these ludicrous speeds is just beyond comprehension

NLC installed another sign outside St Etheldreda's close in December. The PC were not consulted over this – it just appeared !

Anglian Water.

Our water supply has been disgusting recently as most people can testify. Winteringham and

Whitton PC's have been pushing Anglian Water for resolutions. Please send complaints into Anglian Water using this e mail address customerservices@anglianwater.co.uk

There is a petition in place. Go to the link below and please do sign. The more people complain the more AW will listen

[Change.org - Results page](#)

Field Cutting

Chestnut Mowing has been nominated as the field grass cutting contractor for 2025. Chestnut Mowing knows our village well as they have cut the field on several previous occasions. We look forward to seeing their equipment whizzing around the village field keeping things neat and tidy

Village field wall repair

Our contractor, Dean Fielding has repaired another section of our beautiful heritage wall. He has made a fabulous job using traditional methods and materials The cost of each section repair? £2000.

The PC are actively looking for funding for future repairs. The section along Churchside is going to be challenging to say the least.

Village field goal posts.

The set of posts nearest to Churchside were in danger of being damaged due to high winds constantly blowing them over so we laid them down for the winter. We are obtaining some more ground anchors in the next few weeks so we can re-erect them

The re vamp of the car park is still on the agenda. The council is searching for grant funding to help with the purchase of post and rails fence.

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Act of Remembrance November 2024

Over 30 residents, several ex-service personnel and members of the Royal British Legion, Winterton Branch gathered at West Halton Cenotaph to pay their respects to the fallen. Wreaths were laid on behalf of the Parish Council and residents of West Halton and Coleby and the RBI. Wood crosses were placed to remember the 7 personnel listed on the war memorial. Afterwards residents gathered in the Village Hall to partake of a warming drink and bacon sandwich courtesy of the Village Hall Committee

Many thanks go to Nigel at the Winterton branch of the Royal British Legion for helping the PC and PCC to organise this event and to the village hall committee for the fabulous refreshments.

We will remember them

Carols in the Churchyard December 1st 2024

Village Carols in the churchyard was the event that preceded the lighting of the village Christmas tree and lights. It was not a service but just a chance to sing some Christmas carols together by torch and lantern light and was an enjoyable event.....and we hope it will grow in popularity. The singers then moved to the village green for the lighting ceremony and into the hall for refreshments. Many thanks go to all who helped to organise or attend any part of this.

Christmas Wreath-Making December 7th 2024

Once again this was a very popular event with 43 people attending over the three workshops held in church on the day and it raised £774 for the Church Repair and Restoration Fund. There was a great range of greenery, decorations, orange slices, cinnamon sticks, ribbons and refreshments available and once again the wreaths made were stunning – have a look at the St. Etheldreda FB page at the photos! Why not kick-start your Christmas 2025 activities by attending next year. Watch here for our 2025 workshop date and booking details!

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Carol Service December 12th 2024

Last year, when the churchyard had to be closed because of the tree damage, Derek and Ann Townend offered the use of an outdoor, covered stable-like area so that the Carol Service did not have to be cancelled. It was very popular and enjoyable and so was repeated as the venue this year. A village service of the nine lessons and carols in a 'stable' setting does not get any better than this. Watch out to see if it is repeated next year!

After our busy year in 2024 our first service of this year was a Candlemas Service by candlelight

This was a lovely service, and the candlelight showed the interior of our church off at its most beautiful. The service commemorates when the young Jesus was presented in the temple

The date of the March service is not yet issued at the time of going to print but will be advertised on the churchyard noticeboards and on the church Facebook site soon.

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. Do take a stroll through the churchyard as the snowdrops are at their most lovely now. Always a welcome sight after the dull dark winter days. Amazingly there are some primroses already in flower !

Church wall repairs

We have finally managed to repair the churchyard wall, after the large sycamore tree sadly came down. Hopefully an incident like this will not happen again!

The PCC are also taking advantage of the community pay back team. They will be paying a visit to the church yard armed with their tools to help clear up some of the overgrown vegetation.

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Apologies for the late January newsletter. This was due to several contributors being on holiday

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Road Sweeping

The road sweeper visited both West Halton and Coleby on 10th December. The areas that had previously not been cleaned, such as Winteringham Lane were thoroughly swept. The sweeper cleaned Water Lane 'lay by' however the curbed area towards the bottom of the Lane was missed. Council will contact NLC to see if this can be rectified for the next visit

Parish Councillor Vacancy

As of March 2025, we will have a vacancy for a Parish Councillor. If you feel you would like to apply, please do contact the clerk.

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You can help to shape the future of your community

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