

WEST HALTON AND COLEBY COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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Hello everyone!! Autumn already. Crisp cool mornings, stunning rich, vibrant tree colours and the falling leaves. The migrant birds have left us, and we await the arrival of the winter migrants.

Already days are being filled with the HONK HONK ! of the masses of pink foot geese that regularly make their long journey to over winter in the Humber estuary area – one of the crucial staging posts for these magnificent birds

It's been a busy time for our community organisations since our last newsletter; village tidying, community events and church festivals – so happy reading 😊 !!

Donna's Ultra 220Km Marathon Jordan 2025

A lot of you will probably know and many will not 😊 Donna, a Coleby resident and serving firefighter recently undertook a phenomenal personal challenge – running a 220km marathon and just to make it harder she did this in Jordan, across the stunning landscapes of the Wadi Rum desert

Donna has been seen pounding the roads around our community during the last months in her exhaustive training routine. It was a difficult 12 months run up to this monstrous, but truly incredible personal achievement – knee problems, continuous doctor appointments but thanks to wonderful ultra medical and physio teams she managed to complete the marathon with lots of little bursts of jogging, side stepping and skipping. She finished in an overall time of 36 hours 40 minutes, 43rd out of 76 and 12th out of 24 ladies. It was extremely hot, with temperatures recording 38 degrees C. Many early starts with breakfast sometimes at 2.30am ready for a 4.30am start. Finally, thanks to extensive excellent care of medical teams bandaging her knee, the last two days she was able to complete without skipping and side stepping however this gave Donna chance to soak in and enjoy the views in the beautiful Wadi Rum. As a serving firefighter Donna completed the ultra-marathon raising money for the firefighter's charity. She has raised just under £1000 so any last-minute donations would be highly appreciated. No donation too small and every little helps towards the charity which assists serving, ex and returned firefighters who put their lives at risk every single day for us all.



**Congratulations Donna !!
what an achievement – we
are all so proud of you**



Please visit <https://www.justgiving.com> and search for Donna's 220km Ultra marathon 2025

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VILLAGE HALL NEWS

It's autumn already!!

It doesn't seem 5 minutes since we were putting the summer Newsletter together and here we are in October!

We been very busy over the last 3 months and appreciate all the support that you have given us over our various events.

The Family Day in July was great fun again and we are hoping to bring the back the overnight camping again next year – keep everything crossed!

VJ Day saw the afternoon tea and a social evening. We received some great compliments for the afternoon tea and thanks to Jo and Polly for making it happen, plus a big thank you to Piper and Annabel for their dance display – you were brilliant girls. Linda completed the evening with a fun Line Dancing Demonstration and she brought along some of her dancers from other groups.

The street boot in August was supported by people from far and wide – we even had a couple from Eastbourne they were visiting family in the area though 😊. It seems that those of you who took part made a few bob too. Well done.

Jo's excellent Summer STEM sessions were enjoyed by many local children – thanks Jo.

The Gold Man came along to the hall in August and from what we've been told some of you lucky people went away with a big smile on your face and lots of cash in your pockets.

In September we hosted the MacMillan Coffee Morning and we raised £192 for this extremely worthy charity. The Scarecrow Weekend was well supported, and we are already planning next year's. We will have 2 prizes next year. The adult section and the child's section. Get your thinking caps on and please consider joining in, as without you all it wouldn't work.

CADENT CENTRE FOR WARMTH

There are still plenty of slow cookers and CO monitors for people living in North Lincolnshire, if you are eligible or know of someone who is, please let us know. This scheme ends in March 2026. We heard a whisper that after April 2026 there could be further funding for similar items. We will let you know as soon as we hear any more. Just to let you know, this scheme has nothing to do with North Lincolnshire Council, so if you qualify for one of their free items, please contact them via their website.

SOCIAL EVENINGS & FUTURE EVENTS

Our next social evening is on Saturday 11th October, 6pm-11pm. Pre-ordered food will be available on the evening. Just let any of the committee members know your choice of pie and peas or burgers. Committee members are on the last page of this newsletter.

The Children's Halloween Party is on Saturday 1st November 5pm – 7pm £2 for each child. Tickets available soon, so check out our Facebook page for more details.

November brings the Craft Fair on Sunday 23rd November 10am – 2pm. If you'd like a stall we still a couple of spaces left and cost just £5 each.

The Children's Christmas Party is on Sunday 30th November followed by The Christmas Tree Light Switch on. Our 3 course Christmas Lunch is on Sunday 7th December and tickets will be going on sale in the next week. Adults - £15, children under 16 years of age - £7.50 and under 5's are FREE.

Please let us know if you'd like to come along this year as soon as you can as it is proving to be very popular again, and of course the bar will be open too!!

The committee are hoping to put on a few more events before Christmas so remember to check out our chalkboard on the village hall and the regular updates on our Facebook page.

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Don't forget

EVERY TUESDAY 2PM-4PM INDOOR BOWLS. £2 PER PERSON.

EVERY THURSDAY 10AM-12PM COFFEE MORNING.

The hall is available to hire, subject to availability, for children's parties at £40 per day and adult parties at £70 per day. It is also available at an hourly rate of £10 per hour.

Curley's Hedgehog half marathon passes through the village on Sunday 12th October – pop out and support the runners from around 8.30am.

Volunteers for any of our 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.

If you are interested in becoming a committee member – speak to any of us for more information. We are always looking for people with great ideas and the enthusiasm to make the hall an ongoing success.

Just to remind you that we are a Registered Charity run by a small, dedicated team of volunteers. We do not receive any public funding and the money raised from our events goes back into the hall to pay for its maintenance, utilities, and the general upkeep of the hall.



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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Flooding LLFA Water Lane Work

The LLFA team have issued an extended report to the PC.
The major points raised in their report are as follows

Repair to damaged section of highway surface
drain adjacent to Manor Court entrance

Additional manhole gulley installed to add storage
capacity to the system

West Halton Beck cleaned out of rubble, debris etc

ONGO need to carry out extra remedial work on drain
root damage

Please don't forget – any flooding issue large or small
please do call these into NLC so that the incident is logged

The telephone numbers to use are

01724 297000 08.30 – 16.30 Monday-Friday

01724 276444 out of hours

Please also take photos, note dates/times and forward
these to the Parish Clerk. Thank you

Planning application – Coleby Road

An outline planning application has been submitted to
NLC for the possible development of 4 self-build/custom
dwellings on land on Coleby Road, West Halton. The piece
of land in question is the small paddock, opposite the
entrance/exit to Churchside.

Whilst it is recognised that nationally there is a shortage
of houses, this selected location does have its challenges.

The narrowness of the highway, traffic congestion, the
blind exit to Churchside, and surface water drainage are
some of the key points to consider. The application was
discussed at the October PC meeting and council voted to
object to the development.

The consultation end date is 16th October and the
application can be viewed via the NLC web page
<https://www.northlincs.gov.uk> search for planning

Community Pay back team

The teams have been returned several times
working hard to keep our communities clean
and tidy. Their biggest undertaking to date
was to clear all the self-set elders and brash
from along the west side of the village field.
This created an immense amount of arisings
and our grateful thanks go out to Freddie,
Andrew and John for bringing along a trailer
and the big kit to help take away all the
rubbish. Many, many thanks too to all the
residents who turned out to give a helping
hand loading up the trailer.

Now this area has been cleared it will be
easier to keep everything under control.

Fabulous community effort everyone 😊



What do you want from your Parish Council ?

If we don't know, we cannot help !

Speak to us

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News from the allotments

Thank you to everyone's patience whilst the road was closed for 3 days. Having mains water will make such a difference to all the allotment holders during the drier summer months. The system will be drained and switched off October – April inclusive to avoid any freezing or damage to the system

As of January 2025, we will have one vacant allotment. The annual rent is £25, including mains water. If anyone is interested please contact any member of the PC or the clerk

Alkborough Lane Bus Shelter

A community grant application has been sent into NLC requesting funding support to erect a wood bus shelter on Alkborough Lane – similar to the one in Coleby. Watch this space and our web site for developments

New Residents

Recently several new residents have moved into our two communities. So, we would like to take this opportunity to extend a big hello and welcome to all 😊

We hope that you do enjoy living in our pretty villages. **The VH committee, PC and PCC are always available for help and assistance – please do contact us if you need help with anything**

Cemetery ownership transfer

We were hoping by this newsletter that we would have received confirmation that NLC have transferred the ownership to the council – but alas this isn't the case.

NLC claim there are some boundary disputes between land registered on HM Land Registry and actual maps held within NLC Estates. NLC have contacted the Church Commission, but they have been unable to resolve the issue. NLC are now working within their legal department to try and come up with a resolution.

In the meantime, council realises that the decision not to cut the grass has caused some controversy however as stated previously, for your local PC to spend resident's personal precept funds on maintaining property that does not belong to us is not a cost-effective use of public funds.

Moles are infesting the cemetery again – your local council has used precept money in the past for these to be eradicated – total cost ~ £100

The boundary Hedge – your precept money has been used to annually cut this. Each cut costs £250

NLC have even been charging council (YOU – the residents !!) rates for over 20 years on this piece of land – this has amounted to over £200 of your money being un-necessarily paid to NLC. Just think how all these funds could have been spent improving your local community instead of paying it to NLC

NLC have provided council with some more funding, so the cemetery has been cut. This funding however is limited and if the grass continues to grow, once these funds have been exhausted then unfortunately the council contractor will be instructed not to cut the cemetery again.

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ST ETHELDREDAS CHURCH

Hello again!

In the last newsletter we highlighted the repair works to the church south chancel wall, the guttering, the churchyard perimeter wall and the porch.

All this work came at a significant cost and was funded by the proceeds from our annual Christmas wreath-making workshops which, over the years have raised over £5000 and enable work such as this to take place. Last year we raised £774 from the workshops towards the repair and restoration of the church.

This year our wreath-making workshops will be held in church on Saturday 6th December. There will be three workshops:

9am – 11am, 12noon – 2pm and 3pm – 5pm

The workshops are very popular, and places fill up quickly. All materials and tuition are included in the £20 workshop cost. This includes a wire wreath frame, fresh moss, a good variety of greenery, pine cones, cinnamon sticks, orange slices, berries, baubles and bows.....and light refreshments. All you need to make a stunning wreath for your door and enjoy a festive creative session.

To book a place please contact Caroline on 07516482489.

Looking ahead.....

In Spring 2026 we look forward to welcoming Dr Kevin Leahy, FSA, MCIfA to West Halton. He holds the positions of National Advisor, The Portable Antiquities Scheme, British Museum and Honorary Visiting Fellow, School of Archaeology and Ancient History at the University of Leicester.

Kevin lives locally and has a long association with North Lincolnshire's Museum. His talk will give an insight into how St. Etheldreda who was daughter of a king and married to a king, came to stay in West Halton c.673 and would have expected a certain level of society. He will examine the recent research which has shown the small valley in which West Halton lies to have been a special place for which he will examine the evidence. Date, time and venue to be announced.

And..... as this time of year is great for dividing Perennial garden plants – please can we ask you to pot up any 'spare' plants and put them aside for next spring/summer as we will be holding a plant sale at church to raise funds. More details to follow in the next newsletter.

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As we head through Autumn towards Christmas our calendar of services
is planned as follows;

Sunday 2nd November 11:15am Holy Communion Service with Rev. David Beverley. (This is actually our October service which has had to be moved by one week).

Act of Remembrance 2025

There will be an Act of Remembrance at the Village War Memorial, St Etheldreda's Church on 9th November at 09.30



We will remember them



Sunday 23rd November 11:15am Holy Communion Service with Rev David Beverley. This is our usual service on the fourth Sunday of the month.

Wednesday 17th December 6:30pm Village Carol Service in St. Etheldreda's Church with Penny Pringle with light refreshments served afterwards.

Sunday 21st December 11:15am Christmas Holy Communion with Rev David Beverley.

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.

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If anyone experiences a terrible taste/colour to their drinking water, LOG IT! via their customer service E mail address or phone

Tel: 0345 791 9155

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Parish Councillor Vacancy

Still one vacancy if anyone is interested. 😊 Everyone thinks that being a Parish Councillor takes up a lot of your time – it doesn't

Wouldn't you like to make a difference to your community?

Please contact the clerk via the PC web site

Parochial Church Council

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