



NEWSLETTER



July to Sept 2024

THE IMPORTANCE OF LITTER PICKING!



As part of a topic in school where we have been finding out about how litter impacts our environment, we were thrilled that Sue from the Parish Council was able to visit and tell us about

her work around the village. Sue spent time with our Student Governors explaining her role and it's importance not only in keeping our village clean and tidy but also it's wider impact. The team then spent some time around the school grounds, following Sue's lead and doing some litter picking of their own. They had a great time and learnt a lot. They are determined to spread the important messages they discussed further by sharing a special assembly with the rest of the school and starting a campaign to help everyone think about our environment more.



D-Day Commemoration

"For your tomorrow we gave our today"

A big shout out to the WI for all their help in the kitchen, Will for installing the beacon, Pauline for helping to facilitate this, the Parish Councillors, Mandy for advertising the event and lending



trays for the mass fish and chip collection, Mr



Jakes for his vintage car and Tracey Robson for coming to play for us whilst the beacon was being lit!

NEW VILLAGE TO VILLAGE PATHWAY NOW FULLY OPEN

A path from Sturton by Stow to Bransby Horses in Bransby village is now open.



The route is not a public footpath but a permissive pathway which will be accessible for much of the year and only closed for essential maintenance. A public right of way already exists in the area and this route connects the walkways providing various options with

access off Tillbridge Lane. This new route will enable villagers to walk from Sturton By Stow to Bransby Horses where there is a café, children's playpark and further walking



The new path shown below (solid line) links with other routes (dotted lines) around both villages for keen ramblers wanting a longer walk. Bransby Horses already has a signposted Wellbeing Walk on their Visitor Centre Yard and this extension into Sturton by Stow will enable visitors to explore the area safely.



Community Café

Join us at Sturton by Stow village hall

1st and 3rd Monday of every month

Time: midday until 2pm

Enjoy a brew: Sip on a hot cuppa while connecting with friends and neighbours.

Light bites

A free warm, welcoming space open to everyone. Warm up with a hot drink, grab a light bite or just drop in for a chat and relax.

See you at the Community Café!

COMMUNITY CAFE & WELLBEING WALKS

The Community Cafe and the Lincolnshire Co op Wellbeing walks are continuing through the summer months on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month. The Community cafe has recently raised funds during Dementia Awareness Week with

The Wellbeing walks meet at the village hall at 11am for a social stroll around the village. They are accessible for everyone, including pushchairs and



the Memory team attending and the wonderful Sturton by Stow Primary school choir singing some uplifting songs. We have also celebrated a few birthdays in the village, the highest being 98!



mobility scooters. Dogs are welcome. The Community cafe opens at 12pm with hot food, and drinks served from 12.15pm. We look forward to seeing you soon.

Parish Council AGM and Chairman's report

I must begin by making reference to the circumstances which see me delivering this, my first report as chairman. Carol Gilbert left us not only as Chair, but also as a Parish Councillor; her family responsibilities just did not leave her the time to continue. It was certainly our loss, as we miss her enthusiasm, focus, and attention to detail. Her hard work was a prime example of how to serve your community.

Thank you, Carol!

We were very pleased, however, to welcome Cllr. Mick Holtby to our number, bringing a wealth of life experience and expertise in charity funding. Stacey Hoyland has also now hit her stride as our Parish Clerk, amazing us with the speed with which she has become familiar with the job, new office software, and the sheer pressure of keeping on top of everything. Thank you to the whole PC team, for all the skills and dedication that you bring to the table- if I do not know the answer, I am sure that one of you will.

Evidenced by the number of agenda items, the work got through by your Parish Councillors seems to be ever-increasing. We are all just volunteers, remember. Many matters are ever-present: planning applications which have to be scrutinised and commented upon, surface flooding and the pressure on our sewerage system, resisting the solar farm and Scampton processes, pressing for road maintenance, choosing and supervising our grass cutting contractors, and maintaining and improving our children's play parks. Behind the scenes, work has also had to be done to update our Neighbourhood Plan so as to bring it into line with the County Plan, and to update our Emergency Plan too. We have also had cause to report our erstwhile Bank for very poor service, and have now completed our transfer of all financial arrangements to a new bank, who seem very efficient so far.

We are grateful for the often unseen work done by Cllr. Carl Hawke and his team, in maintaining the Jubilee Wood.

We are pleased to have developed a collaborative relationship with Bransby

Horses regarding that site, as well as in establishing a new permissive path that adds to the network of walking routes around the village.

There has been a lot of discussion around the installation of a pedestrian-controlled crossing in the middle of our village, and we hope that this will actually come to be in the not too-distant future, raising the level of safety for our residents. It should also contribute to our ongoing struggle to control the speeding of motorists through our village. This last issue has, in my meetings with other Council Chairs and the police, always risen to the top of the list of concerns. Funding for many mitigating measures seems to be dependent upon the accident and fatality statistics, but we as a Council continue to push for anything which can stop someone from our village becoming one of those hard numbers.

Collaboration with our Beat Officer seems to have at least reduced the incidents of anti-social behaviour, but everybody can help to focus the stretched police resources, by promptly reporting it to the control room on 101.

Your Councillors will always keep their eyes open as they move around, as well as having inspection walkabouts as part of their role. I do emphasise, though, that every resident can help to keep on top of things like road repairs, overhanging trees and hedges, water leaks, and in general anything that is not right, by using the "FixMyStreet" phone app., along with the positioning app. "what3words". Please help us to keep our village a nice place to live.

Cllr. Martin Cook
Chair, Sturton by Stow Parish Council



NOTICES



Community in Action



The Co-op sponsored Green Spaces Project saw a big clean up at the Play Park on the 30th of March. Thank you to all those who came to give to lend a hand, including

Cllr Lynda Mullally and Co-op Community Co-ordinator Mary-Jane Storr, seen here with the Stacey Holyand, Parish Council Clerk.



FOSSA has had the trim trail installed at the school this quarter with money they raised through events at school and a Parish Council Grant.

The Planning and Regulation Committee of Lincolnshire County Council approved the proposed puffin crossing in the centre of the village at its meeting of the 15th April. Details of the decision can be found on their website <https://lincolnshire.moderngov.co.uk/>

STURTON BY STOW VILLAGE HALL

The village hall serves a very important role in the community, providing affordable crucial space for groups to meet, people to hire the hall for events and even being

a safe space in case of crisis. This takes organising, planning, communication and keeping records.

If you value your village hall and feel you could contribute to running it, come and **have a chat at the monthly Market** on the 1st Saturday of the month, the Committee will welcome you. 🙏

This year the Sturton by Stow **Best Kept Gardens** competition will be judged by **Martin Fish**, writer & broadcaster with over 45 years experience. 🌻🌻🌻



Sturton and District Shed Club

The Sturton and District shed club are happy to announce their aims to expand. We are extremely grateful to Bransby Horses for allowing the **installation of a third secure**

site cabin to extend the club facility. We are currently in the process of applying for planning permission & site preparation is now on our to do list. The club has been successful in obtaining **National Lottery funding** sufficient to progress with our intended plan.

www.sturtonanddistrictshedclub.co.uk



How lovely to have sunny weather at last!

We are as busy as ever having collected and delivered toiletry items for, **'End Domestic Abuse Now'**,

(EDAN).

June was very busy with the monthly meeting on the 11th. Our speaker was Irene Kendall talking about her appearance and behind the scenes on the television programme **'Four in a Bed'**. We had several entries in the Lincolnshire Show WI marquee along with stalls selling jigsaw puzzles and unfinished craft projects. Our bi-monthly lunch was held at the Ferryboat in Washingborough. July 9th is when we have our Garden Party & BBQ plus a trip to Bomber Command on the 25th.

We now have a WI notice board inside the village hall showcasing many events and future projects. Women of all ages are **welcome to join us** every second Tuesday in the month at 7pm for 7:30pm at Sturton village hall. You can also meet a few of us informally on the first Friday of each month at the Cross Keys for coffee and cake.

How is your hedge growing?

The recent rains and warm weather have caused some hedges to grow so much that they are now overhanging the footways and verges around the village.

This growth is causing difficulties for pedestrians, especially those with prams and small children, as well the visually

The Parish Council and Your Money

The Parish Council is a group of volunteer, elected village residents, who take responsibility for the general running of Sturton by Stow's affairs, commissioning required maintenance contracts and commenting on planning applications within the parish boundaries. Councillors are not paid for the time and effort they put in - we do, however, employ our hard-working Parish Clerk, the litter-picker, handyman, and cleaner. We also support the reporting of issues for work to various departments of West Lindsey District Council.

We have two major sources of income to pay for these activities:

- the Precept, which is a proportion of the Council Tax levied on properties; that pays for the Parish Council responsibilities, including staff salaries and expenses. A justified application has to be made for it to the District Council, based on projected costs for the coming year.
- C.I.L. monies, which come from a levy from new developments, has restrictions on how it may be used-



Youth Club



Sturton by Stow Youth Club is **BACK!** In April, after an extensive policy review, a

renewal of the lease on our building and a successful relaunch, we reopened our doors and are back in full swing! Attendance is strong, we already have **over 30 members** attending so now is a great time to get involved and join us.

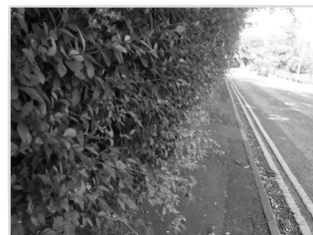
We have launched our Alton Towers trip for the first time since pre-covid, letters are now available. We still have

spaces; however, they are limited, so make sure you get yours fast! We are heavily subsidising the trip to make it accessible to all our members & reward our members for continued loyalty and good behaviour.

We also have a NEW Facebook page called **Sturton by Stow Youth Club LTD.**

Don't forget to check our website! We

have new updated policies and consent forms on the website which you are required to fill in for your first night back. We are also desperately in **need of new staff**. If you are already volunteering with us and want to see the Youth Club continue to grow in the future, we'd love to hear from you. All the information and an application form are available from our website at <https://www.sbsyc.com>



impaired causing them to have to step into the road.

Please take a look at all your hedges and bushes and cut these back to your boundary so as to avoid any accident or injury to anyone.

principally village infrastructure.

As you may have noticed, bills have gone up recently! Our insurance renewal alone is approaching £1,000. The Parish Council is responsible to only spend within its' resources, and keep full audited accounts of all income and expenditure. In the last financial year, we spent just over £2,000 on staff and other costs, over £1,500 on maintaining grass, footpaths and hedging, over £1,200 on tree works, and nearly £1,600 on maintenance of the Jubilee Wood, our local forest green space. Over £10,000 was needed to fund a major safety overhaul of the playpark provision for our smallest citizens. In all, we paid bills and distributed grants to valuable village groups of nearly £25,000. This was a close run thing with our Precept income of just over £30,000. For the year ahead, we calculated that we needed £36,400 to ensure that we could pay the anticipated bills, and retain a small contingency reserve.

Your Parish Council responsibly always seeks value for money, and to only spend for the benefit of the village as a whole.

Martin Cook, PC Chair

The Plough Sturton Football Club



Since our last update, we unfortunately found ourselves on the losing side in both cup quarter finals that we had reached. Due to the weather conditions this season we had several games called off which led to a hectic April

where we played 8 games within the month. We finished our season away at title challengers Sleaford Town and came away with a draw which saw us finish a very respectful 5th in Division. Tom Pattinson finished the season as our top goal scorer with an impressive 19 goals.

We now look forward to next season's campaign starting, and with this preseason training. We'd like to offer a huge thank you to the Parish Council for supporting the club this year with a donation of training balls and equipment which has been a huge boost to the club with the ever-increasing costs of grassroots football.



YOUR EDITOR The next edition, the **Christmas edition** - October to December - needs your content by the **21st August**, so make sure you get all your Christmas events and stories publicised!

I look forward to hearing from you. *Muriel*
Email: sturtonbystow.editor@gmail.com

Dates for the Diary

Parish Council Meetings, Old School Room

Wednesday **10th July** 7:30pm

Wednesday **7th August** 7:30pm

Wednesday **4th September** 7:30pm

Members of the public are welcome to attend.

The Plough Sturton Football Club, The Rec.

The pre-season started in June.

For dates of next season's fixtures visit the club's Facebook page Sturton Plough FC from late July/Aug.

Wellbeing Walks and Community Cafe, Village Hall

Approx 45 mn walk from 11am followed by refreshments at the Community Cafe 12 - 2pm

Mondays 1st and 3rd Monday each month

Sturton & Stow History Society, SturtonVillage Hall

7:30pm All welcome. Refreshments & Raffle

17th July 'The Making of a Memorial' Dave Gilbert – Losses Archivist IBCC Lincoln

21st August 'The Writing on the Wall, Historic Graffiti at Lincoln Cathedral' – Colin Shields

18th September 'Historical Highlights of the West Lindsey Landscape' Adrian Gray

Sturton Knit and Natter group meet every Thursday at 11am at Tillbridge Tastery on the High Street.

Spot the helicopter!

Lincs and Notts air ambulance

<https://www.ambucopter.org.uk/>

are celebrating their **30th anniversary** this year and to

help them celebrate the

Sturton Knit & Natter ladies

have been busy with their needles! There are several knitted or crocheted helicopters around the village - can you find them all? They have a **QR code** on them which you can

scan and let the L&N air ambulance know that you've found them.

Here's a clue to get you started! Have a look at the summer seaside scene on our new summer postbox topper! Thanks to some of the residents of **Tennyson Wharf care home** for their help with the topper.

The Sturton Indoor Bowls Club

would like to thank the

Lincolnshire Co-operative

Society for their colourful new

bowls and mats which were

purchased with their grant!

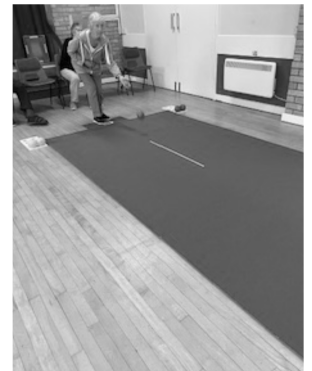
They meet every Monday evening

7-9pm in the village hall. The club

welcomes new members, contact

Pauline polthorn1943@gmail.com

if you want to join them.



Village Best Kept Garden competition will be judged by **Martin Fish** on the 6th August 2024

Indoor Bowls Club, Village Hall

Mondays 7pm - 9pm

Pilates

Tuesdays 10am - 12noon, Village Hall

Line Dancing, Village Hall

Tuesdays 7:30pm - 9pm (except every 2nd Tuesday)

W.I. Village Hall

7pm - 9pm every 2nd Tuesday of the month

Art Group, Village Hall

Wednesdays 10am - 1pm

Judo, Village Hall

Thursdays 6:30pm - 7:30pm

Zumba, Village Hall

Fridays 7pm to 8pm

Market and Coffee Morning, Village Hall

1st Saturday of the month, from **10am - 12noon**

SRK Barbers, Village Hall

Call Sian on 07958 058901 for bookings or check her Facebook page