



NEWSLETTER

Jan to Mar 2025



Despite the weather there was a lovely turnout for the **Christmas Lights Switch** on December 7th. Thanks to Parish Councillors and volunteers Gary and Ralph who helped put the tree and its lights up.

Christmas Lights/Display 2024 Results

1st Place

43 The Glebe

2nd Place

26 Fleets Road

Thank you to the school choir for singing their hearts out and to Tillbridge Tastery for handing out yummy and warming treats.

A very warm
Happy and
Healthy New Year
to all our readers!

YOUR EDITOR



Thanks you for all the contributions! The newsletter is crucial for those who don't have access to the internet. So your contributions really matter. Next deadline is the **21st February**.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Muriel

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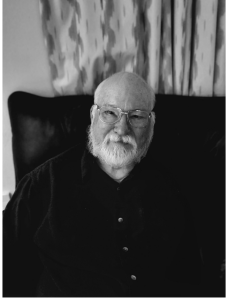
Bonfire night 2024 had another fantastic turnout from the village and visitors who enjoyed great fireworks, great food vendors and great atmosphere!

FOSSA and the Rec Committee work really hard throughout the year planning and making sure Bonfire night is a yearly success. A massive **£9000** was raised in 2024 split equally between FOSSA and the Rec Committee. Without the help and support of everyone who gives up their time and energy, this simply wouldn't be possible!

THANK YOU!



There was also a good turnout of around 35 people at the **Remembrance Service** in the churchyard extension, most of whom joined the Parish Councillors for refreshments in the village Hall afterwards. Thanks to the bugler playing at the event and Rev Jane for conducting the ceremony.



Sturton by Stow Parish Council - Martin Cook Chairperson's report 2024

write this just as we enter the week in between the excitement and presents of Christmas, and the celebrations of New Year. It has been an extremely busy year for your Council, keeping on top of the many things that need doing behind the scenes. The village Christmas trees did not appear by magic!

Our Neighbourhood Plan, drawn up in collaboration with Stow Council, has been formally adopted. I give my heartfelt thanks to all of those who worked so hard to get the revisions made to bring it into line with the new Central Lincolnshire Local Plan. We have a new planning landscape to negotiate after this years' general election, not least concerning matters involved with the solar power applications around us. We shall keep working so that your Council has as much influence as possible on your behalf on all planning matters, seeking to keep "the look".

After a prolonged process, the crossing, to give more safety and the other of the busy Tillbridge also have an impact on the through the middle of our village. limits at the fringes of the village, obviously difficult in a time of



village at last has a pedestrian-controlled confidence to those getting from one side or Lane. Time will tell, but it is hoped that it may persistent problem of speeding traffic coming Your Parish Council is still pushing for speed as well as better street lighting, but this is restricted budgets.

I must make special mention of not only our very active and dedicated Councillors, but also our part-time employees who carry out a rolling programme of maintenance and litter picks around the village, These often unseen tasks, alongside things like cleaning the war memorial and maintaining the children's play parks, really do make a difference. Your Parish Council has carried out an extensive review of our policies and protocols, as well as the tendering process for grass-cutting and hedge-trimming services, securing good value for money and effective management. We continue to offer support where we can to various village groups, who drive the activities that make Sturton by Stow life what it is, and are also looking towards a few little projects in 2025 to make our village even better to live in.

We are regrettably still short on our permitted number of Parish Councillors- if you feel that you could donate a few hours a month and join our friendly team of volunteer representatives, do please contact our very efficient Clerk, Stacey, on: sturtonpc1@gmail.com

A Big THANK YOU to all volunteers!

Volunteers are the backbone of our community, and we are continually inspired by the generosity and dedication they show. From organising community events to supporting community events, your hard work and commitment make Sturton by Stow a better place for all of us. Whether you've volunteered for a single event or dedicated many hours throughout the year, your contribution has not gone unnoticed. We are so fortunate to have such a compassionate group of individuals that offer their time such as unlocking and locking up the play park, volunteer for community speed watch, inspect the play park, distributing the newsletters, grass cutting, planting in the flower boxes, helping with the upkeep of jubilee Wood Work parties.

COMMUNITY HUB AND WINTER WARMER

Join us for a weekly warm welcome, where you can enjoy a hot meal, a comforting cup of tea, and connect meaningfully with others in a relaxed and friendly setting.

Sturton by Stow Village Hall LN1 2AX
every Monday starting 18 November 12 midday until 3pm

Saxilby Village Hall LN1 2HA
every Wednesday starting 27 November 10.30am until 1.30pm

The Bridge Learning Centre DN21 1LP
every Sunday from 24 November 10am until 1pm

Gainsborough Uphill Community Centre DN21 1NJ
every Monday from 18 November 12midday until 3pm

For More Information
<https://cliplearning.com/ourprogrammes/clips-warm-space-initiative/>
Call Us
01427 677377



The **Shed Club** has had another good year, we have increased our

Happy New Year!

We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas.



We have received a lovely letter from St Barnabas Hospice thanking us for our donation from money raised at the September Fashion Show. Thank you to all that attended as this enables us to support local charities.

All **WI events**, speakers and workshops can be attended by non-members. The WI notice board inside the village hall is showcasing the events and future projects.

The **WI** offers women the opportunity to make new friends, learn new skills and campaign on wide-ranging issues. If you are interested in joining us please contact secretary Maria Scott – 01427 787062, or just come along to one of our meetings held in the Village Hall the second Tuesday in the month at 7:00 for 7:30pm. We also have a less formal coffee morning in the Cross Keys in Stow where a few of us meet on the first Friday of the month 10: am till 12: pm.

Lyndy Fillingham, Media Officer

membership, and completed various projects for ourselves and the wider community.

This would not have been possible without the hard work and assistance from members and a number of outside supporters. So, we need to say a special “thanks” to Bransby Horses, Sturton Parish Council, Obam Stairlifts, The National Lottery and WLDC and to all the companies and members of the public who have generously purchased goods we have produced.

Having received planning permission, we now await the imminent arrival of our third cabin, which will provide much needed space and better facilities for our members.

The Club would like to extend Seasons Greetings to and best wishes for 2025!

Puffin Crossing completed!



The user-operated crossing became operational in December 2024,

providing a safe way to cross the road for all residents and visitors.

Unfortunately we are seeing motorists parking on the zig zag lines.

The **Zig-zag lines are painted on the road** to ensure that pedestrians have a clear line of sight and can be seen by oncoming vehicles.

This is especially important in areas with lots of children, who are less visible to drivers.

There are enforcements linked to parking on the zig zag lines and the police could enforce 3 points or a **£100 fine** to motorists parking on the zig zag lines.

Photo courtesy of Ben Everitt.

**TIRED OF
POTHOLES
FLY-TIPPING
LOOSE PAVING
DOG POOP VANDALISM
BROKEN STREET LIGHTING?**

**REPORT THEM TO
THE COUNCIL WITH
FixMyStreet**

**IT'S AS SIMPLE AS THAT
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another project from the lovely people at **mySociety**

Sturton by Stow Swans WI

The **Knit and Natter** group who meet every Thursday mornings, provided the village with another stunning Post Box topper of expertly crafted characters who brighten dull days for weeks. Thank you.

Join this friendly group of ladies every week at 11am at Tillbridge Tastery in the centre of the village, if you share their love of knitting

- or crocheting and would enjoy a bit of social time over a cuppa.
- They work on their own creations but also like to work together to create postbox toppers or take part in other projects such as knitting for charity and displays around the village.



Community Speed Watch

The final Community Speed Watch session for 2024 resulted in no vehicles at all being recorded travelling at 35 mph or above. This was good news although the overall statistics for 2024 are not quite as encouraging. Forty-two one-hour sessions were held in total with three further sessions having to be cancelled because of bad weather. Nearly 10,000 cars were monitored with just under 2.5% being recorded at 35 mph or above. However, the figures for Tillbridge Road are worse – over 5% of vehicles were recorded at 35+ on the stretch from the new 30 mph limit to Eastfield.

The Speed Watch group will be resuming its activities in January monitoring traffic on all four roads into the village and we are always looking for more volunteers to join our group, so if you have an hour or two to spare each month you would be made most welcome (full training and equipment is provided).

If you would like to know more about Community Speed Watch there is plenty of information on the Lincolnshire Police website. Search for “lincs speed watch” and then select “Community Speed Watch”.

If you are interested in joining the group or have any questions about Community Speed Watch please email the local coordinator: cswsturtonbystow@gmail.com

Newsletters deadlines for submission 2025

April - June edition: 21st Feb

July - Sept edition: 21st May

Oct - Dec edition: 21st Aug

Jan - Mar 26 edition: 31st Dec

Parish Council Meetings, Old School Room

Wednesday 8th January 7:30pm

Wednesday 5th February 7:30pm

Wednesday 5th March 7:30pm

Members of the public are welcome to attend.

Wellbeing Walks, from the Village Hall

Approx 45 mn walk from 11am 1st and 3rd Monday each month

Community Cafe, Village Hall

From 12 noon, light refreshments, guest speakers. Every Mondays during until end of March.

Sturton & Stow History Society, Village Hall

7:30pm All welcome. Refreshments & Raffle
First meeting of 2025 on Wednesday 19th March -
History Mystery with Sam Millard.

Market and Coffee Morning, Village Hall

1st February 2025, from 10am - 12noon

This Newsletter is sponsored by the Sturton by Stow Parish Council. sturton-stow.parish.lincolnshire.gov.uk.

Thank you to **David John Lucas** who passed away peacefully in October 2024, he was a well-liked popular figure, managing Sturton-by-Stow village shop for a long period during the second half of the 20th century.



David's grandparents started the shop in the 19th century, and it became known locally as 'Lucas's'. David loved village history and donated his large collection of photographs to Sturton & Stow History Society. He was instrumental in re-opening many local ancient bridleways and footpaths... Clive Thompson, on behalf of Sturton & Stow History Society.

Indoor Bowls Club, Village Hall

Mondays 7pm - 9pm

Total Body Workout, Village Hall

2 - 2:45pm (term time only).

Facebook & Instagram @bumpcamp

Line Dancing, Village Hall

1st 3rd and 4th Tuesdays 7:30pm - 9pm

2nd Weds 7:30 - 9pm

W.I. Village Hall

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

Art Group, Village Hall

Wednesdays 10am - 1pm

Judo, Village Hall

Mondays 5 - 6pm 4 - 11 years old

Thursdays 5:30 - 6:30 4 - 11 years

Thursdays 7:30 - 8:30 11+ years and adults

Sundays 10 - 11am 4-11 yrs, 11-12pm 11 years and adults

Bare Pilates, Village Hall

Tuesdays 10:45am - 11:30am

Zumba, Village Hall

Fridays 7pm to 8pm

Dates for the Diary