

NEWSLETTER

July - September 2025





Village History

Warriner's shop was located where we now have the Tillbridge Tastery. This old photograph c1900 is from Sturton & Stow History Society's-David Lucas collection.

The proprietor John Warriner, was a grocer, general trader and village postmaster. John resided here with his wife Sara, and two sons, all working together in the family business. Exactly 'who is who' in the photograph? Perhaps John is on the left behind two small children, Sara in the doorway with son Frank, the older gentleman with a walking stick is possibly John's father, a widower in his eighties, and their other son John on the extreme right?

The posting box can be seen to the left of the shop window. Prior to Warriner's shop Sturton village did have posting and collection points, but Saxilby was probably the nearest post office facility. Until recently, the Post Office operated a pop-up service a few times a week from the Old School Room in Sturton by Stow and at St Mary's Church Stow As of mid-June, this service has transitioned to a fully mobile format. A specially equipped van now visits both villages, parking up to provide a complete Post Office service on the go..



Tuesday:

09.00am - 10.30am in Stow in or near the rear car park of the Cross Keys

10.45am - 12.15pm in Sturton-by-Stow at or near the Village Hall

12.45pm - 1.45pm in Torksey in the outer car park of the Elms

Thursday:

11.30am - 12.30pm in Torksey in the outer car park of the Elms

1.00pm - 2.45pm in Sturton-by-Stow at or near the Village Hall

3.00pm - 4.45pm in Stow in or near the rear car park of the Cross Keys

Sturton By Stow Parish Council

We're actively seeking new members!

Are you individual who shares an interest and passion for what is best for our brilliant village? Then come to one of meetings to find out more! We currently have 3 Vacancies

If you're interested Please email sturtonpc1@gmail.com



Sturton by Stow Sand Bin Locations The Close Capps Island, Stow Road Stow Road Saxilby Road Next to the bus shelter Opposite the School Field

New and Repositioned

Based on valuable feedback from residents and a practical review the parish council has recently purchased two new sand bins to help residents protect their home and properties during periods of heavy rainfall and potential flooding The village now has a total of four sand bins that are fully stocked with sand and sandbags, free for residents to use as needed.

Preperation, Preperation,

We encourage everyone to prepare in advance and make use of these resources if their property is at risk.

Please if anyone checks and notices were low on sand or bags please contact the parish council sturtonpc1@gmail.com or telephone:-07476 902278

Sturton and District Shed club

On Friday 2nd May at the Shed Clubs monthly breakfast social in the Bransby Horses café we said G'day to a surprise visitor, an Australian shedder, David Atkins, pictured wearing the striped shirt. David is Chairman of the Kapunda men shed in South Australia and was over here for Truckfest. He searched online for the nearest shed and found us on our website, he called in whilst staying in Lincoln. We were interested to hear his stories and how their shed developed and operates.

The men in sheds movement originated in Australia and has since spread to many countries. We exchanged contact details and hope to stay in touch.







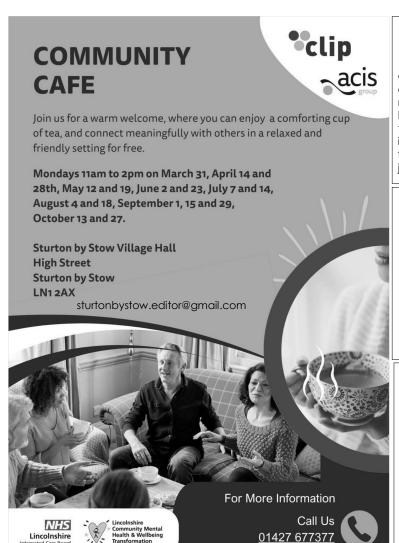
Following recent damage, the gateway leading onto the public footpath at The Glebe had been left in poor condition. Mens Sheds stepped in to carry out the necessary repairs swiftly and effectively. With thanks to the generous efforts of the local Men Sheds group the gateway has now been fully repaired

The Parish Council extends its heartfelt thanks to all those involved in restoring the gate.

Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)

There have been many instances of Anti-Social Behaviour in the village over the past months including damage to benches, fences and bus shelters, fires and door knocking to intimidate residents, as well as disrupting events taking place in the Village Hall.

The Parish Council are putting pressure on the police to get some action from them to catch the perpetrators, however they are asking for all instances to be reported. The advice from the Police is that if you have personal knowledge of ASB or have seen ASB activities to report these to them using the phone number 101 and most importantly obtaining an Incident number. More reporting will help the local police to justify a greater presence in the village



Sturton By Stow Indoor Bowls club

The Indoor Bowls Club continues to meet every Monday evening at 7.00 pm in the Village Hall. We are just a small friendly group but would love to have more members. We arrive around 6.45 pm so the teams can be organised. Every week every team is drawn out of the bag so there are no one winning team or favouritism. At halftime we have a cuppa and a biscuit. We finish about 8.50pm. Why don't you come along and join us. Flat shoes are good.

Thank you!!! Mid-Summer Coffee Afternoon for Christian Aid

Jennie & Alice warmly thank all helpers and supporters for this annual event held on the 28th June in Sturton Village Hall. Your generous donations before and on the day raised £476 and further donations promised means we will exceed the £1,000 mark!! You are all amazing and will help to change many peoples lives for the better. We hope to see you again at our event next year – hopefully the last weekend in June 2026, Many, many thanks, Jennie & Alice Thompson.

Sturton Knit and Natter Group

If you're a knitter or crocheter then why not join us on Thursday mornings from 11am in the Tillbridge Tastery! We're a very friendly, welcoming group with crafters of all abilities who like to get together for a couple of hours for a catch up and a cuppa. You can knit your own thing or join in the work we do on the village post box

toppers or other charity knits ... Hope to see you soon!!



Community Speed Watch



Unfortunately! Speeding continues to be a problem in the village, but the Community Speed Watch team are still running sessions on all four roads into Sturton by Stow (and on the stretch of Cowdale Lane that passes through Bransby) to raise awareness of speeding in the hope it will encourage people to slow down. Community Speed Watch is not about enforcement although any vehicles recorded at 35 mph or above will be reported to the Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership.

However, a few sessions have had to be cancelled recently due to lack of volunteers, so the Speed Watch team is actively looking out for recruits to allow more sessions to be run. If you are concerned about the speed of vehicles travelling through the village and 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 village's group, or have any questions about Community Speed Watch, please email the local coordinator: cswsturtonbystow@gmail.com

Caught Dangerous Driving on or irresponsible parking on Camera? Report It with Operation Snap

Let's help make the roads safer—one report at a time.

If you've seen irresponsible parking or dangerous driving on the roads and caught it on camera, you can now report it quickly and easily online using **Operation Snap**.

Operation Snap is a national police initiative that lets members of the public send in dashcam or mobile footage of certain road incidents. It's designed to make it easier to deal with offences like careless driving, using a mobile phone at the wheel, running red lights, or dangerous overtaking.

Op Snap | Lincolnshire Police

https://www.lincs.police.uk/police-forces/lincolnshire-police/areas/campaigns/campaigns/op-snap/

Report, view, or discuss local problems

I Think we all can agree, village life is brilliant! However a village this size takes a lot of upkeep and upkeep takes team work! Fix my

street is a great way to get issues reported and resolved

21,637

48,598

12,049,715

Stats from across the country:- reports in past

updates on reports



Village Walkabout

Each year, the Parish Council takes a walk around the community to check on of our beautiful parish and the village assets. During this year's walkabout, we noted that some hedges have grown quite a bit and are now overhanging the footways and verges. This growth can create challenges for pedestrians, particularly those with prams, small children, or visual impairments for safe driving, as well as individuals who may have difficulty navigating. We want to ensure that everyone can walk safely without having to step into the road. To help us maintain a safe and accessible environment for all, we kindly ask you to check your hedges and bushes. If necessary, please trim them back to keep the footway and verge clear for everyone to use. Additionally, we observed some tree branches that are hanging low and may pose a risk for pedestrians. We encourage you to take a moment to address this as well, helping to keep our community safe for everyone.



Wellbeing Walks, from the Village Hall

Approx 45 mn walk from 11am Mondays followed by

Table Top Sale and Coffee Morning, Village Hall, 1st Saturday of the month, from 10am - 12noon

FOSSA CAR BOOT SALE—Sunday 27th July @ 09:30 Sturton by stow primary school field £5 a pitch setup from 08:30

Sturton and stow History society

These are the dates for the next few History Society Meetings

16th July Putting Lincolnshire Archaeology on the map by Richard Watts from LCC historic Environments Records

20th August—History Mystery by Sam Millard

17th September—Understanding Granny's Photo Album by Horace Liberty

Message from the Editor

The next edition will cover September—December 2025, this make the deadline the 15th of August for any submissions.

Kind Regards Matt sturtonpc1@gmail.com 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

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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

Monthly Meetings

A reminder to all the fellow residents, the Parish Council meets on the first Wednesday of every month. 7:30pm in the Old School Room on Tillbridge Road, Both residents and the public are welcome to attend.

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Want to know more?