



# North Leverton With Hablesthorpe Parish Council

## JANUARY 2024 NEWSLETTER

### HAPPY NEW YEAR

**W**e would like to wish all our parishioners and Happy New Year for 2024 and trust everyone enjoyed their festive season.

The Christmas tree was once again erected in the grounds of the Royal Oak on the 9<sup>th</sup> of December. The Parish Council would like to express their gratitude to JS Highfield Transport for once again sponsoring the tree's purchase and for the provision of the telehandler to aid in the erection and

removal activities.

We would also like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the efforts of this year's band of volunteers without whose help this annual event would not be possible. Our thanks and appreciation go to, Mick South, Ian Hobbs, Gordon White, Pip Burkitt, and Tom Shaw for their able-bodied assistance.

Finally we must extend our thanks to Emma at the Royal Oak for allowing the tree to be sited in the beer garden, the provision of the

electric and for the catering provided to the workers, your support is very much welcomed.



### NEW COUNCILLOR



**W**e are pleased to announce that we have recently co-opted a new Councillor, Alan Sykes, he is enthusiastic and has already settled in well to his new role making valuable contributions to proceedings.

We now have a full complement of nine councillors working together for the good of our parishioners and community

## **FLOODING**

Following the recent flooding scare in the village the Parish Council has produced 'A Helpful Guide' leaflet which will shortly be distributed to those residents living in an area that is at risk from flooding – whether it be from the village beck or from surface water.

The leaflet contains useful advice and information together with a list of relevant third parties who could be contacted by residents affected by flood water.

It should be noted that the PC will endeavour to come to the aid of any elderly, vulnerable or infirm residents who require help. This assistance will include the provision of sandbags when necessary and their subsequent removal once the threat of flooding has receded. However, we must point out that, for most property owners in flood risk locations the responsibility to take appropriate action to protect your property from inundation rests with yourselves.

The PC has also undertaken a stock take of the contents of both of its emergency containers and will shortly be replenishing their sandbag supplies in both.

***FLOODING IN  
NORTH LEVERTON***  
**A Helpful Guide**  
**FLOODING CAN  
HAPPEN ANYTIME  
ARE YOU PREPARED?**



## **DRAINAGE ISSUES**

During the recent heavy rains, the Parish Council has been regularly monitoring the performance of the village drainage system and reporting any issues to the Severn Trent Water call centre.

We have been advised by STW that we need to do this for them to build up a record of the continuing issues. This will help them build a business case for undertaking any necessary

improvement works. Whilst the PC would hope to catch all incidents (a typical example of which is shown below) could we ask local residents to take pictures of similar issues and either report them directly to the STW call centre on 0800 783 4444 or pass on any images to the PC giving details of date, time and location and we will forward the information for you.

We hope we can rely on your help in this matter – the more complaints/ reports STW receive the better the chance of getting something done!



# **JAMES NAISH UPDATE**

## **ARTS AND HERITAGE GRANT, 2024**

Last year, Bassetlaw received £3.4m from the Government as part of the UK Shared Prosperity Fund. One of the initiatives within this is to support "local arts, cultural, heritage and creative activities". Grant funding to do this is now available for two types of groups:

- If you are an un-constituted group, you can apply for between £500 and £1000 and should request the C&P E6 Small Grant Application Form. You will require a constituted organisation to support your application.
- If you are a constituted group, you can apply for up to £5000 and should request the C&P E6 Grant Funding Application Form.

Applications can be made up to 12pm on Tuesday 13th February. For more details, please visit:

<https://www.bassetlaw.gov.uk/business-advice/ukspf-bidding-and-procurement-opportunities/ukspf-bidding-arts-and-heritage-small-grant-programme/>

## **BUSINESS SUPPORT SURGERY**

You can also get support for your business by

registering for a 1:1 business advice session whether you are pre-start, putting ideas into action or looking to expand. Appointments are available between 9am and 4pm at Middletons Yard, Worksop, on Wednesday 31 January 2024. To find out more, please contact Fiona at [fiona.humpage@bassetlaw.gov.uk](mailto:fiona.humpage@bassetlaw.gov.uk).

## **COST-OF-LIVING SUPPORT**

The Bassetlaw cost-of-living support booklet is available to view online at any time. It contains information and guidance on the support available in Bassetlaw about mental health, money and finances, energy, clothing, food and shopping, children and families, housing, and domestic abuse. View the booklet online here: [www.bcvs.org.uk/colbassetlaw](http://www.bcvs.org.uk/colbassetlaw).

If you would like a physical or large print copy, please let me know.

## **FLOODING**

It will not have escaped anyone's attention that we have had a very wet period of weather recently. With the land so saturated, further flooding remains a risk and residents are encouraged to take their own measures to protect

properties wherever they can. You can find more information about how best to do that here: <https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/planning-and-environment/flooding-help-and-advice/during-a-flood>

We had a meeting with senior colleagues from the Environment Agency in December and will continue to work with them to try and accelerate schemes for Bassetlaw which, to date, have struggled to get off the ground as described in the article below: <https://www.bassetlaw.gov.uk/media-centre/news/latest-news/council-meets-with-ea-to-discuss-bassetlaw-flood-plight/>

I have sent a couple of videos of blocked drains to the relevant authorities. Residents are

reminded to take photos and videos so that we can evidence issues wherever possible.

## **FLOODING – SPORTS FACILITIES**

Sport England is offering grants up to £15,000 for flood-damaged facilities up to 31/03/2023. For more information, please visit: <https://www.sportengland.org/news-and-inspiration/support-available-flood-damaged-facilities>

## **RECYCLE ... AND RAISE MONEY AT THE SAME TIME**

Throughout January, you can help raise money for the NSPCC Nottinghamshire Hub. By downloading the MyNotts app and using the Recycling Checker, you will not only become a recycling star; you will also help to support an important local charity in Nottinghamshire. That is because Veolia (Nottinghamshire County Council's waste contractors) will donate 10p for each search on the checker for the whole of January.

The Recycling Checker gives you the accurate and local information you need to know where and how to dispose of each part of your rubbish in Nottinghamshire and is just a tap away! For more information, please visit: <https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/waste-and-recycling/recycling-and-disposing-of-waste/check-what-you-can-recycle>

## **SEVERE WEATHER EMERGENCY PROVISION**

Since the start of December, the Council has been offering emergency accommodation for rough sleepers so that no-one needs sleep rough on the streets during the winter months. If you encounter anybody needing this type of support, please contact

the Council using the contact details on this page: <https://www.bassetlaw.gov.uk/media-centre/news/news-archive/december-2023/severe-weather-emergency-provision-swep-accommodation-for-rough-sleepers/>

## **SOLAR FARMS**

Although the District Council will provide a detailed technical response, the large applications known as NSIPs (nationally significant infrastructure projects) are decided by the Secretary of State at the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero, based on the recommendation of the Planning Inspectorate and National Policy Statements. For those who are interested, the below is a useful link which explains how planning for solar farms works: <https://researchbriefings.files.parliament.uk/documents/CDP-2023-0168/CDP-2023-0168.pdf>

I am in touch with key local groups about the main applications but am also happy to speak to individuals if they want to get in touch.

## **VOLUNTEERING IN 2024**

Finally, BCVS, which supports the voluntary sector in Bassetlaw, has

launched a volunteer recruitment campaign called "Do More 2024". If you want to do something positive as part of your New Year's resolutions, please visit <https://www.bcvs.org.uk/volunteer> for more information.

As always, residents can reach me on email ([james.naish@cllr.bassetlaw.gov.uk](mailto:james.naish@cllr.bassetlaw.gov.uk)) and phone (07967 807 037) for anything pressing.



## LAND AT HABBLESTHORPE

We are pleased to announce that the Parish Council has at last been successful in purchasing the area of wasteland in Hablesthorpe.

We have now set up a dedicated working group to canvas further opinions as to what developments parishioners would like to see. It is our intention to place additional relevant consultation articles on both our PC website and on our PC Facebook page for individuals to put forward their ideas. For those residents without access to

our website or Facebook page you can contact any councillor to have your say. Please bear in mind when formulating your ideas that we have already been informed by BDC that no planning permission will be granted for any permanent building works in that location! Once all the proposals have been received, they will be reviewed for suitability, practicality, and impact on local neighbours. A full list of all suggestions received will be drawn up and published together with confirmation of which have

been discounted and the reasons why.

Following this publication a further consultation is planned to seek opinion on the short-listed ideas and hopefully identify proposals for the way forward.



## POLICE

We have recently received the following correspondence from Nottinghamshire's Police & Crime Commissioner Caroline Henry and would encourage you to take part in the offered survey. This is our opportunity to have some input into how the rural areas are policed.

*'The public's voice is incredibly important when it comes to big decisions on policing and support services in Nottinghamshire. As Police and Crime Commissioner, I have a duty each year to set a balanced budget and set the amount of funding that*

*will be generated through council tax locally, known as the 'policing precept'. Police officer numbers are now at their highest level in over a decade in Nottinghamshire, however inflationary costs and the rising scale and complexity of policing demand continue to place increasing pressure on our services. This is despite the year on year efficiency savings that we continue to deliver.*

*I know that policing, crime reduction and community safety are important issues to the residents of Nottinghamshire, but I am also acutely aware of the*

*financial pressures being faced by many Nottinghamshire households.*

*To help me get the balance right, I hope you might be willing to take part in the consultation. It should take about three minutes. I thank you in advance for your support in our work to prevent and respond to crime, support victims and keep Nottinghamshire Safe.*

**Caroline Henry  
Police and Crime  
Commissioner for  
Nottinghamshire**

**Take part by visiting [www.nottinghamshire.pcc.police.uk/precept](http://www.nottinghamshire.pcc.police.uk/precept)**

# **THE LEVERTONS** **BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE**

**T**he LEVERTONS now has a BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE. This contains the names of local people from the area, whose surviving relatives have requested their inclusion.

Those included can be of any religious belief or none. The only provisos are that they lived at some time around the area of the Levertons, North and South, and included in the parish of The Church in the Levertons since 1900 and their present-day survivors would like them included.

The book is currently in St. Martin's Church, North Leverton and will rotate between St. Martin's Church, the Methodist Chapel and All Saints' Church in South Leverton at regular intervals. Its current location can be

found by contacting Mike Vessey.

The book can be seen by arrangement with any of the above church officers or in whatever church it is currently housed. It is kept in a handmade oak case made by a local craftsman, Mike Betony.

If you would like any further names included then please fill in a form which can be obtained from a churchwarden Mike Vessey or Sue McReight, a Methodist trustee, Rev. Mark Cantrill, (the vicar), or myself. We would like to thank Thelma Appleyard who has inscribed all the names in beautiful calligraphy.

There is no charge for the inclusion of names, although donations may be given to the Church in the Levertons. If you email

Mike Vessey then he will send you an electronic copy of the form. If you fill in the form then please return it to Mike Vessey. This can be scanned and sent to: [thechurchinthelevertonsmike@gmail.com](mailto:thechurchinthelevertonsmike@gmail.com)

The names of persons who died between 1900 and 1999 are inscribed in the earlier pages and those who have died from 2000 onwards are inscribed in the monthly ones.

The next addition of names will be soon after February 2024, but if you could hand them in as soon as practical, that would be greatly appreciated.

If you would like any more information then please do not hesitate to contact Mike Vessey at the email address above.

## **CRAFT CLUB**

**D**o you enjoy chatting with friends? Would you like to make some new friends? If the answer to either of these is 'yes' then why not come along to the Methodist Chapel in North Leverton between 1.00 pm - 3.00 pm on alternate Monday afternoons?

You'll find a warm welcome and if you'd like to bring any craft projects you're

working on, for example, knitting or sewing, please do, but if not, just come and enjoy a relaxing couple of hours.

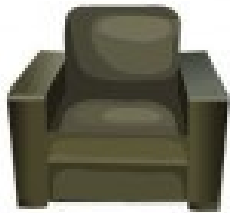
The cost is only £2 a session which goes towards hiring the hall and refreshments. If you've difficulty getting there, please let us know so we can help. If you are interested, please phone

Sue on 01427 880150 for details of the next session. We look forward to meeting you!

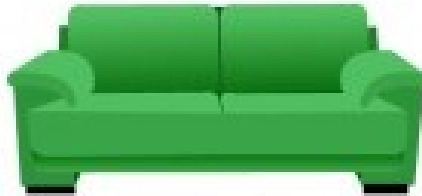


**KIDS PAGE****Furniture - Fill in the missing vowels**

Fill in the missing vowels for each of the following words:



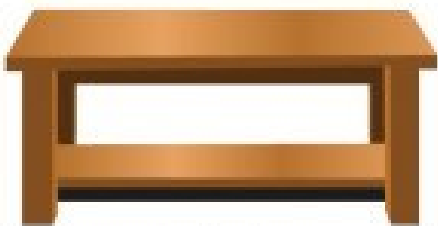
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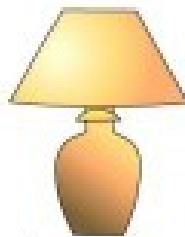
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## PARISH COUNCIL

### MEETINGS

5th February 2024

4th March 2024

1st April 2024

13th May 2024

3rd June 2024

1st July 2024

**Don't forget to visit the Parish Council website at**  
**[www.northlevertonwithhablesthorpeparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.northlevertonwithhablesthorpeparishcouncil.gov.uk)**