



North Leverton With Hablesthorpe Parish Council

JULY 2023 NEWSLETTER

HABBLESTHORPE CHURCHYARD

Work at the old Churchyard at Hablesthorpe is now largely completed for the year - other than trying to keep on top of the nettles - and the main clearing is now sporting a new bench.



When the Churchyard was active it was intended to be

used as a quiet space to allow people to reflect, and, now nearly 40 years after it was finally closed, we are pleased that it can provide the same opportunity for peace and quiet.

The Churchyard has become a small haven for wildlife, especially songbirds, so when you find you need ten quiet minutes, or just when you are passing, feel free to sit a while and watch the robins hopping about between the branches. Over the winter we are



hoping to clear at least one or two additional paths and uncover some more historic headstones once the foliage isn't fighting us quite so hard - if you would like to get involved on a Saturday morning please get in touch with Cllr Sam Timmons, details on back page.

PLANNING MATTERS

The PC is aware of the concerns within the village regarding three recent planning matters (the old shop, change of use of land adjacent railway bridge and the proposed pylon route to High Marnham).

We thought it would be beneficial to inform you that we have objected to all three applications. We

would strongly advise that anyone with similar concerns or objections make direct contact via the BDC planning website or, in the case of the pylons via the National Grid email address contact@nh-hm.nationalgrid.com or call their dedicated phone line 0800 051 4430.



NEW COUNCILLOR

We are pleased to announce that we have recently co-opted a new Councillor, Jake Sands, 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.



POLITE REQUEST

It is becoming apparent that several of the footpaths within the village are becoming obstructed by overgrowing vegetation, and in many instances the locations are adjacent to private properties.

May we remind the occupiers of those properties whose boundaries are

immediately adjacent to public footpaths that you have a responsibility to ensure that your boundary growth is kept cut back so as not to obstruct the public right of way. This is particularly important where footpath widths are very narrow. Indeed, the PC has received complaints from pedestrians who are having to step out into the

road to avoid hedges etc. We would also take this opportunity to advise relevant occupiers that the public has access to the Nottinghamshire County Council website to upload an official report of footpath obstructions.

We look forward to your cooperation in this matter.

CRAFT CLUB



Do 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 to 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!

JAMES NAISH UPDATE

COST-OF-LIVING CRISIS – PREPARATION FOR 2023/24

The District Council hosted a summit at the end of June to start discussions about the potential impacts of the cost-of-living crisis – including rising mortgage and rental costs – over the winter months. This was attended by a range of organisations from across the public and voluntary sectors and planning is now underway to ensure residents receive targeted support over the autumn and winter months. More information will follow in due course.

NATIONAL GRID UPGRADE (North Humber to High Marnham)

Thank you to all residents who have been in touch with me about this project. If you have strong feelings either way, please contact National Grid directly. The consultation closes on Thursday 27th July.

I have asked National Grid for a private meeting once the results of this consultation have started to be analysed. This will be taking place in August and I will report back to Parish Councils and residents on this in September. There is still time to influence the proposed route and I will be seeking to do this through direct collaboration with National Grid.

Please use this link for more information:
<https://www.nationalgrid.com/>

[electricity-transmission/network-and-infrastructure/infrastructure-projects/north-humber-to-high-marnham](https://www.nnc.ac.uk/free-short-courses-for-adults-this-summer/)

HOME IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

The Council is continuing to help residents to keep their homes warm and reduce their heating bills through a number of funding streams, both for homes that have access to gas and those without access to gas.

Residents may be eligible for Home Energy Improvement grants if they meet the following criteria:

- If you live in a property with no gas supply and an EPC rating of D, E, F or G, and earn a combined household income of less than £31,000 per annum.
- If you live in a property with a gas supply and an EPC rating of D, E, F or G, and earn a combined household income of less than £30,000 per annum.

Bassetlaw District Council is working with Nottingham Energy Partnership (NEP) to administer the scheme. For more information or to apply to the scheme, please contact Nottingham Energy Partnership on 0115 985 9057.

NORTH NOTTS COLLEGE SUMMER SCHOOL

North Notts College will be hosting a summer school for adults with a wide range of short courses and taster sessions taking place throughout July and August.

This includes:

- Basic Skincare and Makeup Application
- Introduction to Barbering and Drying Techniques
- Multi-Sports Holiday Club Activity Coaching
- Award in Mental Health Awareness
- DIY Skills Taster Sessions

Please use this link for more information:
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PANTO IN THE PARK

Kings Parks' open-air stage will come alive once again this summer as TaleGate Theatre bring Panto in the Park back to Retford.

Hundreds of spectators have filled the fields of the award-winning Kings' Park to join in the fun of previous pantos, and this year is expected to be no different with three more shows on Thursday 10th August (Cinderella), Tuesday 15th August (Robin Hood) and Wednesday 23rd August (Rapunzel).

Please use this link for more information:
<https://www.bassetlaw.gov.uk/media-centre/news/latest-news/panto-in-the-park-is-back/>

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

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PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

4th September 2023

2nd October 2023

6th November 2023

4th December 2023

8th January 2024

5th February 2024

Don't forget to visit the Parish Council website at
www.northlevertonwithhablesthorpeparishcouncil.gov.uk