

# **BURTON UPON STATHER PARISH COUNCIL** **NEWSLETTER JUNE 2024**

**For the villages of Burton upon  
Stather, Normanby and Thealby**



## **CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR REPORT**

The rain is finally having small periods of rest, but the extensive period of heavy rainfall is still evidenced in the way the grass, trees and plants are growing so phenomenally quickly. No sooner has a cut been finished than you feel you could start all over again. The same is true for Anne our grounds maintenance operative – she feels very attached to her mower and strimmer!!! Unfortunately the equipment has no means of collecting the wet cut grass which means that the work she does all around our villages – as well as the work done by our verge cutters – does leave things looking a little messy. Over time the cut grass will mulch in – and if we have no more rain the situation will gradually improve.

On a different note, on the playing field at Burton there is now a permanent fixed table-tennis table, the purchase of which has been funded by a North Lincs Community Grant, and the Trim Trail has been replaced and now offers a trail that will be safe and attractive into the future. Soon to come will be the monkey challenges at both Burton and Thealby – hopefully by the school summer holidays.

Last time we wrote we were hoping for the Secretary of State's decision with regard to the proposed North Lincolnshire Green Energy Park. This was deferred from mid March to mid May, and now goes forward to mid July. They say 'no news is good news' – do we dare to hope?

The problems related to the reopening of the Wharf continue, with the excess of HGVs around. While many of these are wharf related, there are also some who have a genuine reason for being here and some local businesses that rely on their presence in order to serve us, but see the article about the wharf after this.

Look out for 'Lincs Lotto', enjoy 'Burton in Bloom', have fun at the '80's nite'. All these will raise money that will go back into the community and strengthen community spirit..

Penny Pringle and Jim Mitchell

Chair and Vice Chair

## **STOP THE WHARF!**

Residents of Burton Upon Stather and surrounding villages continue to face significant challenges due to operations at Kings Ferry Wharf. However, the residents' campaign group, Stop the Wharf (STW), is gaining momentum and support in their efforts to halt these disruptive activities.

While environmental factors such as high noise and dust emissions are daily concerns for those living near the wharf, a pressing issue



affecting the entire village and surrounding areas is the massive increase in Heavy Goods Vehicles (HGVs) traveling through our area to serve the wharf.

Our villages are not equipped to handle the volume of HGVs required by the wharf. Recently, on 5th June, thousands of tonnes of cement were delivered by ship to the wharf,

necessitating hundreds of lorries passing through our villages in the coming weeks.

This surge in HGV traffic significantly increases the risk of traffic incidents involving vulnerable road and path users. It also leads to higher levels of air pollution, elevated noise levels, and rapid deterioration of our village roads, resulting in potholes and kerbstone damage. This issue affects us all!

Key areas of HGV concern include the 'S' bends on Darby Road, the tight turn onto Stather Road, the restricted width at the High Flags (opposite the Church), and the steep hill on Stather Road – all of which are frequently used by school children. The presence of these large vehicles in such sensitive areas heightens the risk of accidents and poses a serious safety hazard.

Moreover, the continuous noise from HGVs disturbs the peace and tranquillity of our villages. The emissions from these vehicles contribute significantly to air pollution, which can have detrimental health effects on residents, particularly vulnerable groups like children and the elderly. The vibrations caused by the heavy traffic also damage the infrastructure, leading to frequent repairs and disruptions.



However, there is hope. Recently, other villages in the North Lincolnshire area have successfully banned HGVs from their localities, and STW is campaigning for a similar outcome. The success of these nearby villages provides a blueprint for our own efforts. Additionally, STW continues to report all illegal operations at Kings Ferry Wharf to the relevant authorities, ensuring that regulatory bodies are aware of the ongoing issues.

STW is truly appreciative of the support from the majority of local residents and is proud to have the backing of Burton Upon Stather Parish Council.



Strong relationships with North Lincolnshire Council are also being formed, as collaborative efforts are essential in addressing this issue. Our local council has arranged a multi-agency meeting to discuss the effects of the wharf operations, and STW representatives have

been invited to attend. This meeting represents a crucial opportunity to voice our concerns and work towards a solution. Updates will be provided on our private Facebook group and other media outlets when appropriate.

Our Facebook group is very active and serves as a central hub for information and community support. Search for 'Stop the Wharf' on Facebook and request to join our private chat group to stay informed and engaged. The group allows residents to share their experiences, offer suggestions, and coordinate efforts to address the issues caused by the wharf operations.

Soon, you will be able to show your support for STW by displaying a free house or car window sticker, which will be made available at key outlets around the village, including Burton in Bloom and the Ferry House (Bottom Pub). These stickers will help raise awareness and demonstrate the community's unified stance against the disruptive operations at Kings Ferry Wharf.

The support of our community is vital in this campaign. Together, we can make a significant impact and work towards restoring peace and safety in our villages. Join STW in this important fight to protect our environment and quality of life.

Thank You.

Chair of Stop the Wharf

# BURTON UPON STATHER PRIMARY SCHOOL



As we write our newsletter, the sun has finally begun to get warmer and the rain less, although it has not completely dried up! We are heading into the summer term, where our children look forward to spending more time learning outdoors, getting ready for Sports Day and the summer

holidays!

During spring term, we took delivery of our first Goblin Greenpower car...after our Year 6 children wrote letters to local businesses to attract sponsorship, we were able to purchase the build kit...we are taking place in our first race in mid-June! Children have attended an after school club to help build the car, alongside volunteers from within our community and local business; special thanks to Volker Rail and Barrett Steel for your kind donations. Our Friends of Burton School have topped up the remainder of the purchase from the funds raised from recent events.

So that children could get a feel for the car and how it will race, Andy Brown and the engineering students from Baysgarth school hosted us for an afternoon; children were able to race the Baysgarth car and get vital tips from the older students on how to successfully build the car.



In other areas of school, Year 4 have been taking part in their swimming lessons at The Pods and our Cross County teams all performed brilliantly at a recently rearranged whole school competition...well done to all of you. Our younger children took part in

an Athletics Festival at Baysgarth too...special thanks to our parents and volunteers for helping make attendance possible.

School welcomed Burton in Bloom for a creative evening in March; Josie from Floral Design in Winterton hosted an Easter flower arranging workshop, Get Ahead brought their Silent Disco for our Green Team Spring reward afternoon (well done Green Team!) and parents/grandparents came into school on two afternoons to learn alongside their child in both Year 2 and Year 5.

Plans for summer term activities are well underway; our annual Sport Week is getting filled up with local providers offering our children a chance to try something new. Plans are still being finalised for our annual Sports Day; this year we are not able to use our school field due to it having been reseeded...special thanks to County Turf and Ralph Ogg for their ongoing help with this.

Class teachers are looking to take children to learn outside of the classroom, with experiences being planned in; Year 6 recently went to Alton Towers as a reward for their hard work in their SATs year...we are extremely proud of all the children and how calmly they dealt with this week.

We hope that you have enjoyed reading about our adventures and wish you all a lovely summer...we will let you know how we get on with our first race in the Greenpower event in our next newsletter item.

Ash Eastwood

Headteacher

## PARISH COUNCIL AWARDS

The annual community awards were presented at the Annual Parish Meeting on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May. This year, residents had become involved in making nominations and it was good to see these nominators at the award ceremony along with those who had been nominated. Those nominated for the Geoff Robinson Award were:

1. **Graham Judkin** puts out and collects the bins for the residents of Huntingdon Crescent and part of Norfolk Ave each week, which is very much appreciated by the elderly residents. This random act of kindness is very valued by his neighbours.
2. **Annie Mumby** is a member of the Women's Institute, Burton Outdoor Bowls Club and Burton Short Mat Bowls Club. She has previously been a representative on the Village Hall committee though her involvement doesn't stop with these organisations – she is always involved in what is happening. She always has a smiling, welcoming face and nothing seems to be too much trouble for her.
3. **John Nundy** salts Somerset Drive and Norfolk Ave from the salt boxes and has shovelled areas in deep snow (including the doctors' car park). He has litter picked quite a large area and into Flixborough and even Thealby. He has cleared the drains leading into Normanby when the rain couldn't escape, due to leaves and dirt. He cuts the grass at the end of Somerset Drive and keeps it looking cared for. He has helped on a stall at the summer fayre, putting the stall up and ferrying books back and forth in his wheelbarrow. John is kindly natured and tries to help whenever he can.
4. **Rachel Webber** has served the community in many ways - serving on the PFA, as part of the Heritage Group, Burton in Bloom and of course the Parish Council. Rachel has given so much of her time freely over the years to the parish. Rachel single handedly takes care of the Burton in Bloom bicycles in the village, getting up extremely early in the morning to ensure the flowers are all watered before she heads to work, to keep the village looking nice. Rachel undertakes litter picks in her local area most days and regularly reports any issues she sees,



such as fly tipping or pot holes, in an effort to keep the area clean, safe and tidy.

The parish council found it very difficult to choose between these people who do such good work for the community. The Geoff Robinson Award for 2024 was presented to Annie Mumby and Rachel Webber.

Unfortunately there were fewer nominations for the Peter Hearn Award for Young People but this does not mean that the work done by this nomination is any less deserving of being recognized.

**Joe Porteous** was nominated for his involvement in the Youth Council where he was took part with litter picks and painting the bus shelter in Normanby. He helps out at the Christmas Fair and delivers the parish newsletter, along with helping elderly residents with tasks that they can no longer do, for example, gardening. The parish council proudly awarded this award to Joe.







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## VILLAGE HALL NEWS

Since the last issue, the Village Hall has had its AGM and I am pleased to have been re-elected as Chair. Other key positions have been filled for this year, with the exception of Treasurer as Jan Benn has decided that she does not wish to continue in post but is happy to continue unofficially until a replacement is found. Jan is still in charge of bookings. At time of writing this, we do have someone interested in the Treasurer post and Jan would be willing to continue to lend her expertise once the post is filled.

More work has been carried out on the Village Hall. The doorway between the foyer and Wedgwood Room has been widened and a new door fitted. The whole of the exterior wall round the main entrance has been cleaned and repointed with a lime mortar mix. As well as being more pleasing to the eye, the wall can 'breathe', lessening chance of damp.

Because the building is large and aging, there will always be work to do. It is always our intention to provide a building that is easier and cheaper to maintain in the future.

As always, to make the Village Hall financially viable, we do need the support of groups and individuals so please consider us when looking for somewhere to use. There are 'slots' available for hirers. If you are looking to run an activity, please contact Jan Benn on 07870 804787 or email [janbenn.villagehall@gmail.com](mailto:janbenn.villagehall@gmail.com).

The online booking system is being used by an increasing number of hirers.

The 2024 Christmas Fayre will be on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November and some tables have already been booked. If you want a table, contact Jan.

I would like to remind you that the Village Hall is linked to the Lincs Lotto. **Have a look at the advert on the page before this article.** Not only

does your participation mean that our finances are bolstered as each £1 ticket you buy benefits the village hall by 50p, but you may also win!!

The committee looks forward to continuing to serve the community's interests but please remember that we are all volunteers and we can't solve every problem immediately. And we are not psychic!

Ian Pringle

Village Hall Management Committee

### **AT THE POST OFFICE**

Due to the low usage of our facility on 2 days, the Post Office has cut our hours and for the present our hours are only **Tues 9.30am – 12.30pm**. From the beginning of July we plan to serve coffee and cake/biscuits during opening hours. Please come and join us.

Just a reminder that this is an out-reach facility that operates inside the brown doored vestry to the left of the blue doors at St. Andrews Church. It can deal with your mail, your parcels, banking, bill payments, cash withdrawals and many more things. About the only things we don't do are passports and car tax. **Use us or lose us!**

### **HIGH STREET NOTICEBOARD**

Thanks to a grant being awarded from Grange Windfarm, the parish council has been able to replace the noticeboard on the outside of 15 High Street. This will now be used as a community noticeboard for groups and businesses to advertise and will replace that which was previously available at the shop. If you would like to place a small poster or advert in this noticeboard then please give a hard copy to the parish clerk, who will arrange to have it put up. Notices will be displayed for a maximum of two weeks, but this will be determined by the space available.

## **GRANGE WINDFARM GRANTS**

Fern Community Funds will no longer be offering grants to community groups from the Grange Windfarm funds. Instead from April 2024, they will be passing the funding onto the parish council for use in the community. There are strict guidelines that must be followed, but if any community group requires funding, then they are to apply to the parish council. This funding is in addition to the grants that the parish council can usually provide and if it is not used before March 2025, the excess funds will have to be paid back. So lets make the most of this extra cash and put it to good use in the community. For further information, please contact the parish council Clerk on: 07982265924 or [clerk@burtonuponstatherparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@burtonuponstatherparishcouncil.gov.uk)

### **YOUR PARISH COUNCILLORS ARE:**

Cllr Penny Pringle – Chair

Cllr Jim Mitchell – Vice Chair

Cllr Simon Barnes

Cllr Peter Bell

Cllr Stephanie Bull

Cllr Cathy Harber

Cllr Simon Nicholson

Cllr Elliott O’Roarty

Cllr Rob Tuplin

Cllr Rachel Webber

Clerk to the Council is Mrs Candace Brent

### **PARISH COUNCIL CONTACT DETAILS**

The website and email addresses for the parish council have recently changed to a gov.uk domain which gives greater security and can be easily recognised as being the first tier in local government. The website can be accessed at:

<https://burtonuponstatherparishcouncil.gov.uk>

The Clerk’s email address is:

[clerk@burtonuponstatherparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@burtonuponstatherparishcouncil.gov.uk)

These contact details are available with immediate effect

We can all be contacted via **The Parish Council Office**

**High Street, Burton upon Stather, DN15 9DE**

**phone: 01724 489981 07982265914**

# NEWSLETTER DATES AND HOW TO GET IN TOUCH

All adverts must be agreed in a useable format – an editable <b>word</b> document sent electronically by:	Distribution by end of:
Mid August 2024	September 2024
Mid October 2024	November 2024

**Adverts cost:** half page £25 colour, £12.50 black and white – landscape

The Parish Newsletter is delivered to all households in Burton, Thealby and Normanby. It is the **only** communication that has that scope. Its role is to promote not only the workings of the Parish Council but when space permits, to help local groups and businesses by also promoting them wherever possible.

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## Teddy Bears' Picnic

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**From 12 noon**

**as part of Burton in Bloom's Fete on the Paddock  
bring your picnic rug, packup and bear!**

**Best dressed Teddy Competition  
Theme - 'Summer Fun'**



## *Fete on the Paddock*



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