BURTON UPON STATHER PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER JUNE 2025

For the villages of Burton upon Stather, Normanby and Thealby

STOP THE WHARF JUNE UPDATE

We're thrilled to bring you the most promising news we've had in some time - news that reaffirms exactly why we continue to fight for peace, safety, health and quality of life in our community.

On March 27th, Hull and Goole Port Health Authority (HGPHA) served an abatement notice on MCL Solutions Ltd, the company operating at Kingsferry Wharf. This action followed persistent and well-documented complaints from local residents about the unbearable odour generated by the handling of frag scrap metal. The notice demanded the cessation of this offensive activity and it worked: MCL has stopped handling frag scrap metal.

This is a tremendous milestone. For too long, the toxic stench and disruptive HGV movements associated with MCL's operations have plagued our village, damaging our environment and well-being.

Despite repeated promises and half-measures from the company, their attempts to mitigate the issue of odour failed time and time again. It is only through the decisive intervention of HGPHA - whom we applaud for their professionalism and courage in standing up for our rights - that we have seen real change.

Since the abatement notice was issued, activity at the wharf has dramatically decreased. The difference has been nothing short of transformational: fewer HGVs thundering through our streets, less noise and pollution and a welcome return to the peaceful atmosphere that makes our village so special. It's a powerful reminder of what we're working to protect.

Let us be clear: this is not the end. MCL may well be regrouping, considering alternative materials or operations to bring through the Wharf. Financial losses from halting frag metal processing are likely to be significant and we must assume they are actively exploring ways to remain commercially viable. We, however, remain resolute.

The victory we've achieved is a testament to the power of community action. Your complaints, your voices, your unwavering support have helped bring about real enforcement and accountability. This is what *Stop the Wharf* is all about: protecting the village from the unchecked industrialisation of our environment and defending the rights of residents to live peacefully.

We urge all residents to remain vigilant. Continue to report any disturbances, odours, dust, or unusual traffic to the appropriate authorities. It is this constant pressure that ensures regulators continue to act.

Another significant milestone is the ongoing support from our local MP, Nic Dakin, who remains a steadfast ally of our cause. He met with STW representatives in May to receive progress updates and reaffirmed his commitment to assisting us in the next phase of our campaign.

Finally, please stay connected through our private Facebook group and check in with our website at www.stopthewharf.co.uk for the latest updates, resources, and guidance.

Together, we've proven that change is possible. Let's keep the momentum going.

Peace down the Stather and in the village is, for now at least, restored.

Chairman – Stop the Wharf

Following some confusion as to whom various traffic matters should be reported, the current advice seems to be: –

'Near miss' reporting: the best way forward is to send the issues to traffic@northlincs.gov.uk as this account is monitored more regularly and allows us to save them in a specific folder which will allow us to record better what is occurring on site. This is the place for residents to report any concerns they have or instances they witness.

The Police are the enforcing body for weight restriction offences and calls for service should be directed to them via 101.
Hope that helps.

N.Lincs

NOTES AFTER CATCH-UP MEETING WITH THE MP

Following on from the previous successful meeting with Nick Dakin a catch-up meeting was held to see how things are progressing.

There are still issues posed by the wharf's operation, the hours of working, types of material handled that cause the issues of dust and bad smells, though at the time of writing this had calmed down a little.

Nick is going to try to arrange a face-to-face meeting with representatives from the Environment Agency, as despite assurances from MCL, much of what they put in place is only temporary and seems to 'disappear' when they think they are not being watched. We must continue to monitor and build up evidence.

Jim Mitchell – Rep. for these meetings

CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR REPORT

Firstly – a moan – then things can get better. There are a few residents who have short memories and who are again parking vehicles on footpaths, verges and blocking dropped kerbs, thus making access for many residents who use mobility scooters, prams

and pushchairs very difficult. This is not fair, so if this is you, or you have a neighbour who does do this – please remind them – just in case they have failed to read the magazine. It may be them that will need to use pavements for this purpose in years to come. Now we are in the verge cutting season again – vehicles inconsiderately parked also make the contractor's work difficult. So please continue to park **off road on your driveways so that the pavements are free.** In the last 24 hours 'offenders' have been spotted on Darby Road, Huntingdon Crescent, Barnston Way, Hillcrest Drive, though there are other roads as well.

Since April we have seen the Pavilion used on a trial basis, Monday to Friday, by a school service run by Replenish Learning for senior age pupils who are unable to cope with normal schooling. This is a very positive use of the space, as well a much-needed facility for some families. There has also been the addition of an 'Inpost' parcel pick up/collect facility. This is now up and running – so if your parcel can be picked up or returned by using this facility: it will save you a trip further afield.



At the recent Annual Parish Meeting we had a very interesting talk from the Lincoln and Notts Air Ambulance given by Trevor Cherry He gave a brief report on the history of the charity, including the number of annual missions and the cost of running it each year. I know of at least two incidents in recent times when the Air Ambulance has been called to the aid of residents in this area. LNAA is a charity, like many others and rely on our support – please consider helping them if you can – see details on page 11.

With the lighter evenings comes a larger number of teenagers and children around which is lovely to see. A number though have been spotted riding illegal e-bikes. If caught, remember that the bike will be impounded. These bikes are dangerous, not only to the riders but also the community

Something of great concern is those dog owners who let their dogs run free on the playing field, despite the signs asking you to keep them **on a lead and under control**. We would remind you that this open space is a **play area for children** to enjoy playing whether that be in organised matches through the football club – which now has pitches in use over most of the field – or for small family groups. For these users to come home covered in your dog's deposits is not nice. We hope that it will not become necessary to look towards closing this space off – please have consideration and respect for all playing field users and don't be abusive if you are in the wrong.

The North Lincs Green Energy Park decision from the Secretary of State came. It was not what we had hoped for, despite the efforts of many. We will just have to hope it takes for ever to build or that the company runs out of money.

There have been several negatives this time. Please use the summer to make our villages and the surrounding areas the wonderful places that we all know them to be – where respect and consideration is shown to all, by all.

Penny Pringle and Jim Mitchell Chair and Vice Chair

PARISH COUNCIL AWARDS

At the Annual Parish Meeting on 6th May we were delighted to present our community awards to two well deserving people. The Geoff Robinson Award for Adults was won by Stuart Pilgrim who was nominated for his outstanding leadership and commitment to Burton United Football Club. For the past 10 years, Stuart has raised thousands of pounds for the club by dedicating his own time each week in writing up and putting forward bids and applications for grants. This has helped to secure the necessary equipment and essential costs of keeping the club running and thereby keeping the costs to families to a minimum, meaning every child has a chance to access their local club.



Stuart's invaluable contributions to the club have allowed 100's of children, girls and boys of all ages, along with their families to enjoy being part of a team and a club within a safe and supportive community. In addition to being the backbone of the club, Stuart has also managed and coached teams of players from the ages of 5 until the age of 15, giving these children lifelong memories, special friendships and experiences that will help them into adulthood.



The Peter Hearn award for Children and Young People was won by Levi Reid who was nominated for the Young Person Award due to his outstanding contributions to the community. He is known for his politeness and helpfulness, often assisting elderly residents with odd jobs and gardening. He works part-time at a local Chinese restaurant and is excelling in school, preparing to sit his GCSEs. Levi is also a dedicated boxer and is well respected in his club. He is excited to start a college course soon, marking a new chapter in his life.

There were other nominees for both awards: Pat Evans and Ian Pringle for the adults and Burton Primary School for the children's.

(The school children were nominated because they are polite and well behaved on their journey to and from school each day and are therefore a credit to the Parish as a whole. I would like to add to that how well behaved the children are when they have lessons outside the school in the community.)

Penny Pringle (Chair)

VILLAGE HALL NEWS

We have welcomed some new faces to the committee this spring allowing the vacant roles of Chair and Treasurer to be filled. This has meant that Ian Pringle has been able to step down as Chair to allow him to enjoy a bit more retirement time. We would all like to thank Ian for his hard work, and on a personal note, I would like to thank Ian for his brilliant coaching of someone who has never undertaken a Chair's role before.

The roofing work is now booked to be done, so the imminent structural concerns are now in hand. Our next focus is on improving the look of the main room as it has become rather tired. Work is in progress with the help of Parish photographers to install some large, bright images of the surrounding area which, it is felt, will improve the feel of the main hall.

If you use social media, please also keep an eye on our Facebook page as it is our intent to use multiple methods to promote the hall and what goes on in it. The Village Hall is reasonably priced for hire, and we really want it to be a place where all age groups feel welcome, and provides a wide range of private and public activities and events to take part in.

Julia Pattison Chair, Village Hall Committee

A quick reminder that the Village Hall and the Wedgwood Room are available for hire either for regular sessions or for one- off events.
For more information contact Jan Benn on:
janbenn.villagehall@gmail.com

It is a pleasure to welcome Julia as Chair of the Village Hall Committee – we hope she enjoys this new 'job' and finds it fulfilling.

Village Hall Regular Bookings

Day	Booking
Monday	Crafty Chatters 10am-12 noon
Tuesday	Chair Exercise 11am-12 noon WI 1pm-5pm (second Tuesday of the month)
Wednesday	Pilates 10am-11am Yoga 7pm-8pm
Thursday	
Friday	
Saturday	Pilates 10am-11am
Sunday	

W.I. NEWS

Our WALKING GROUP will meet on 5th June. The route will be planned by Deborah, details on our WhatsApp for members.
On Tuesday 10th June the MAIN MEETING in the Village Hall will be open to ALL Villagers. There will be a presentation by Humberside Police on how to Avoid being Scammed. Entry £2 to non-members, refreshments will be included. Look out for posters around the village.

On Thursday 19th June our SOCIAL AND STROLL takes us to Burton Agnes.

Don't miss our CAKES AND CRAFTS stalls at Burton in Bloom on 28th June.

We are looking forward to our July SOCIAL (no STROLL!) on a canal boat from Thorne Marina.

July 8th our MAIN MEETING ‘Decades of Style' an illustrated talk by M Gray from Normanby Hall.

12th August a history of Barton Ropewalk by E. Bennett.

Do drop in on any of our MAIN MEETINGS always on the second Tuesday of the month at 7.30 in the Village Hall. Potential new members are always welcome.

Maureen Adkin

AT THE POST OFFICE

For the present our hours are only **Tues 9.30am – 12.30pm**.
We have started a coffee stop, serving coffee and cake/biscuits during these opening hours and already have a small but regular clientele.

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 **(FREE)** and many more things. About the only things we don't do are passports and car tax. **Use us or lose us!**

Should a session have to be cancelled at short notice there will be a poster affixed to the door as well as information on the various Facebook groups to which we have access

TUESDAY MORNINGS

9.30 – 12.30

COFFEE/TEA WITH CAKE/BISCUITS AND CHAT





COME IN AND JOIN US

(THROUGH THE CHURCH OR POST OFFICE)

WESTLANDS CLUB WEDNESDAY COFFEE

A reminder that there is a very sociable gathering for coffee and cake in the Club on a Wednesday morning from 10 – 12. The last Wednesday in the month also has a popular game of bingo.

This is made possible by the hard work of Michaela and until recently Elaine – who 'served' us for over 4 years as a volunteer. We thank them both for all the hard work they do to make our mornings such fun, while hoping that the Club will do something to arrange a replacement for Elaine very soon.

Come and join us – meet up with your friends.



WHEN YOU'RE BY OUR SIDE – WE CAN BE BY THEIRS.

LINCS & NOTTS AIR AMBULANCE
SAVING LIVES EVERYDAY

Because of your support, we were able to reach patients across your local area when they needed us most.

BEACHSIDE

After a head-on collision in her car, a woman suffered a fractured skull, a collapsed lung, and broken bones in her legs, arm and fingers. She also suffered two cardiac arrests. The quick action of the LNAA crew made all the difference – they administered life-saving treatment necessary before airlifting her to hospital.



ROADSIDE

A father and his three-year-old daughter were involved in a road traffic collision. Once free from the wreckage, the LNAA crew treated the child's injuries, and her father was given pain relief for severe damage to both legs and multiple cuts and bruises to his head, before being transported to hospital.



COUNTRYSIDE

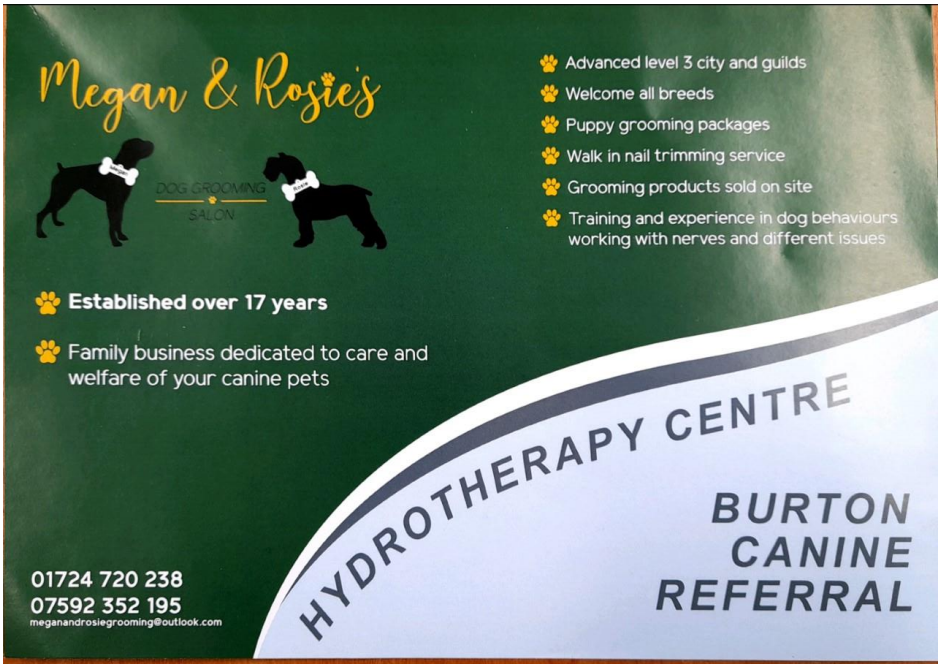
A farmer working his fields caught his arm in the rollers of his harvester. A friend working nearby managed to stop the machine; when the LNAA crew arrived, they quickly gave pain relief and the doctor stayed by his side for two hours, whilst he was being freed. Though his arm couldn't be saved, the farmer credits them with saving his life.



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The Parish Council would like to remind Playing Field users, that whilst dogs are permitted on the Playing Field, they must be kept on a lead and under control
(with the exception of the fenced play area where dogs are not permitted).
Please ensure that any dog fouling is picked up and disposed of in the appropriate receptacles

YOUR PARISH COUNCILLORS ARE:

Cllr Penny Pringle – Chair
Cllr Jim Mitchell – Vice Chair
Cllr Stephanie Bull
Cllr Rachel Durrant
Cllr Russell Frisbee
Cllr Cathy Harber
Cllr Simon Nicholson
Cllr Elliott O'Roarty
Cllr Mark Raeburn
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
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 **word** document sent electronically by:	Distribution by end of:
Mid July 2025	August 2025
Mid October 2025	November 2025

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.

Would you like to see something in the newsletter? Or propose someone for interview? Do you have something to say?

Advertisements? Promotions? Contact the editor **via the Parish Office**



CALLING YOU TO BECOME A PARISH COUNCILLOR

Have you ever wondered what the Parish Council does in the community? Then why not get in touch and even consider becoming a Parish Councillor.
Burton upon Stather Parish Council is the local level of government for Thealby, Normanby and Burton and currently has four Councillor vacancies.

Council meetings are public and held on the third Tuesday of each month in the Village Hall, Todds Lane. These are open meeting which all residents of the parish are welcome to attend. The Parish Council is non-political, and councillors give their time voluntarily.

The Council:

- Discusses and resolves issues raised by parishioners and represents their interests to North Lincolnshire Council, the Government and other bodies.
- Raises an amount of money, the Parish Precept, through local taxation and makes decisions about its use specifically on parish amenities and groups.
- Plans, and prepares for the developing needs of the Parish.
- Is a statutory consultee of the local Planning Authority, North Lincolnshire Council, for all planning applications made within the Parish.

If you are over 18 years of age and are on the electoral roll for the parish **or** have lived or worked in the Parish for at least 12 months, then you could be eligible to become a Councillor. If this interests you, then why don't you attend a Council meeting to see what goes on or get in touch with the Clerk to find out more.

Contact the Clerk, Candace Brent on 01724 489981 or via email on: clerk@burtonuponstatherparishcouncil.gov.uk

BURTON UPON STATHER ALLOTMENTS

🌱 HAVE YOU GOT GREEN FINGERS? 🌱

WANT TO GROW YOUR OWN VEGGIES OR FLOWERS?

🎉 ALLOTMENTS AVAILABLE NOW! 🎉

🌟 Half plots are available at the Burton Upon Stather Parish Allotments

📍 Located off Wiltshire Avenue, Burton Upon Stather

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🌼 Whether you're a seasoned gardener or just starting out, our allotments are the perfect place to grow your passion.

Interested? Contact the Parish Clerk today

📞 **07982 265914**

📧 **clerk@burtonuponstatherparishcouncil.gov.uk**





Teddy Bears' Picnic

Saturday, 28 June 2025

at 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 - 'Super Hero' Teddy

