BURTON UPON STATHER PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER MARCH 2025

For the villages of Burton upon Stather, Normanby and Thealby

STOP THE WHARF LATEST

The challenges surrounding Kingsferry Wharf persist and the concerns of our community remain as pressing as ever. Despite continued engagement with the relevant authorities and stakeholders, we are still enduring unacceptable levels of noise, dust emissions, and heavy goods vehicle (HGV) traffic disrupting daily life in our village. The frequent disregard shown by Wharf staff and lorry drivers working on behalf of MCL towards local residents only deepens the frustration and distress felt throughout our community.

However, let us be clear—our efforts to hold MCL accountable have not wavered. Stop the Wharf, with the invaluable support of Burton upon Stather Parish Council (BUSPC), North Lincs Council, Hull and Goole Port Health Authority and Humberside Police, continues to ensure our voices are heard by those with the power to act. We remain steadfast in our mission to restore peace, safety, and quality of life to our community.

A key development since our last update is the requirement for MCL to implement a water-based dust suppression system when tipping lorries, handling, and loading ships. This measure was a direct result of our collective complaints and persistence in highlighting the severe impact of dust emissions on public health and the environment. While this is a step in the right direction, we must remain vigilant to ensure these measures are effectively implemented and enforced.

Additionally, our meeting with Nic Dakin MP has taken place, and we will provide a separate, detailed update on the outcomes of this important discussion. Rest assured, all of our elected representatives

are aware of our concerns and are actively working to explore potential solutions.

One thing remains of paramount importance and that is reporting any concerning incidents to the relevant authorities. Every complaint matters, and each report adds to the mounting pressure on those responsible. Your voice is being heard, and we encourage all residents to stay proactive in documenting and reporting disturbances as they occur.

Our private chat group on Facebook continues to be an essential platform for staying informed and connected. If you have not yet joined, we encourage you to do so. Simply search Facebook for “Stop the Wharf” and follow the links to apply for membership in the private chat group. Links to our Facebook group can also be found on our recently updated website, www.stopthewharf.co.uk which has been refreshed to reflect the current status of our campaign. It serves as a good starting point for anyone looking to get up to speed with our cause.

As always, we are deeply grateful for the unwavering support of our community. Your determination and unity drive this campaign forward, and together, we will continue to push for the changes we deserve. The road ahead may be challenging, but with persistence, we will make a difference.

Chair 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

MEETING NOTES FOLLOWING MP'S VISIT TO KINGSFERRY WHARF.

The general pitch for what was a positive meeting was to build relationships with the wharf and to encourage them to be a better and more considerate neighbour.

There was a general and frank discussion in relation to the issues posed by the wharf's operation, the hours of working, types of material handled that cause the issues of dust and bad smells.

MCL explained what they would be and were putting in place to mitigate the issues, this included mist sprays to suppress dust and an inhibitor for any bad smells.

In relation to the hours of working we were told that MCL would attempt to reduce the amount of weekend working and early starts and late finishes.

We explained that historically the wharf was quite considerate to the locals and that the relationship had been generally good.

The list of concerns was given to MCL who said they would go through it and respond, though as yet received there hasn't been any.

We were told that it was the intention of MCL to move up to 50% of materials by barge in the future but as yet they cannot give a timescale for this.

It was agreed that Jim would be the rep for the village in relation to taking any issues locals had with the wharf, lorries etc directly to MCL and phone numbers and email addresses were exchanged.

At the end of the meeting it was planned to meet again in 3 months time to see if there had been any improvement.
We were then given a tour around the site and when Jim asked if the smelly pile was scrap or frag it was described as a product.

The problem we have is the slowness or lack of response from MCL in relation to the concerns raised as without this we have nothing to hold them to account on.

Jim Mitchell – Rep. for these meetings

CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR REPORT

Firstly – very grateful thanks to those who heeded the request in the last magazine to park their vehicles sensibly with respect and consideration to all who use our pavements and dropped kerbs, as well as keeping our verges looking good. Please continue to park off road on your driveways so that the pavements are free.

Another positive is the fact that recently the Bridle Path on the hillside has been refurbished, a walk that will be much appreciated come the spring and summer. Please remember this is a public path and keep your dogs (and their deposits) under control so that the path can be maintained.

As you can see the key matter of concern to us as a village continues to be Kingsferry Wharf – and the effects operations there have on our community – hence the first part of this magazine is devoted to updating you as best we can on what is happening. Please do look at the Stop the Wharf website

And of course, the North Lincs Green Energy Park decision from the Secretary of State that we have been anticipating for over a year now is still awaited – the decision has now been deferred till mid-March 2025 – indeed it might have happened by the time you read this.

Penny Pringle and Jim Mitchell Chair and Vice Chair

PARISH COUNCIL AWARDS

Following the presentation last year of the Geoff Robinson award for adults to Annie Mumby and Rachel Webber, and the Peter Hearn Award for Children and Young People to Joe Porteous, we are now

looking for nominations for the next people to receive these awards which will be presented at the Annual Parish Meeting on May 6th 2025 at 6.00 pm.

If you know of someone who you think has served the community in an outstanding fashion over the last 12 months – be it continuous service or a special one-off act – please write to or email us at the Parish Office, by Easter (absolute last date April 10th) with details of who, for what, and for which award. It would be good to have many nominations to choose from.

Penny Pringle (Chair)

VILLAGE HALL NEWS

The Christmas Fayre (which seems a lifetime ago) was well-attended, enjoyable and a success. More than £600 was raised. A big thank you to all volunteer helpers, raffle prize donors, stall holders and attendees. This year's Fayre will be held on Saturday 29th November. It's not too early to book a table space – contact Jan Benn on 07970 804787 or by email janbenn.villagehall@gmail.com.

Recent work at the Village Hall has including having the boiler system and radiators 'power flushed' – regularly doing this not only increases the life span and efficiency of the boiler, but the warranty terms are not being affected. Thank you to Mr Therm for this. After a successful drone survey of the church roof by Air-Real View, we asked Glen Garbett to undertake a similar survey on the Village Hall roof. As well as identifying particular areas where work is needed, we learnt that a complete flat roof replacement is not necessary. We are grateful to Grange Windfarm for a 90% grant towards the work and to the Parish Council for providing the other 10%. At time of writing this, we are still trying to find someone reliable and efficient to undertake the roof work.

I would like to remind you that there are hirer slots available. The Hall offers lots of space, pleasant surroundings and excellent facilities as well as being a warm spot! We urge you to consider us seriously if you are wanting a meeting or activity venue.

I would also like to remind everyone that the Village Hall is linked to the 'Lincs Lotto' scheme. If you don't already belong to this, please consider doing so. Tickets cost £1 a week, of which the Hall receives 50p and prizes vary from free tickets up to the jackpot of £25,000. If just 50 people were to sign up, this would raise £100 p/a towards the Hall's running costs.
To sign up go to www.lincslotto.co.uk and search for Burton upon Stather Village Hall.

I will be standing down as Chair of the Village Hall at the AGM on Tuesday 29th April, 6.45pm in the Village Hall. I have tried to progress the repairs and renovation that a building of this age and type needs and I hope that I have been successful; I feel it is time to pass over to someone with fresh ideas and a bit more energy!

Also, and even more importantly, the lady who was to become our Treasurer cannot now do so because of work commitments so this post is vacant and **must** be filled. Jan Benn has carried on doing the work but does not want the post again permanently. **In a village of almost 1250 homes there must be two people who could take on these posts.** Neither job is arduous.

Ian Pringle Village Hall Management Committee

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!**

TUESDAY MORNINGS

9.30 – 12.30

COFFEE/TEA WITH CAKE/BISCUITS AND CHAT







COME IN AND JOIN US

(THROUGH THE CHURCH OR POST OFFICE)

BURTON WI. NEWS

Please look out for our newly set up Facebook page which will give up to date information about forthcoming events, meetings, speakers and club dates.

Meanwhile, our March meeting will be the AGM and quiz. In April an old friend Derek Clerk will be showing Antiques with a Twist. In May Caroline will be talking about 'nature, craft and foraging'.

On the second Tuesday in June we will open our meeting to the village community. Our speaker will be from Humberside Police giving a presentation about how we can all protect ourselves from criminals who try to scam us out of our money. The entrance fee will be £2 and that will include Tea/coffee and cake.

Here in Burton W.I. We have some ladies of a certain age, and as such they have led rich full lives. So, I will continue to introduce some of our members.

Wendy was born, lived and educated in Scunthorpe. On leaving school she went to secretarial college in London for a year. In 1966

she married and soon after their first child was born, moved to Agadir in Morocco. Her husbands work then took the family to Algeria. In 1972 she returned to the UK for the birth of her third child. The flight back to Algeria was not easy with a 6 week old baby and three year old. Nor was accommodation ideal for the bringing up of a toddler and baby with water being rationed to two hours three times per day.

The sudden death of her father in 1974 precipitated a return to the UK to support her widowed mother.
After divorce Wendy and the children settled in Burton, her eldest child at last able to attend an English school.

Now happily remarried and after long and successful careers with little time for W.I., Wendy has retired into a life of voluntary work and the enthusiastic support of community organisations.

At last, there is time for herself, a keen cross stitcher, walker, book reader and now a very sociable new member of W.I. She has expressed surprise that there are so many 'extra' WI meetings that enable her to pursue her interests within such a friendly atmosphere.

Maureen Adkin

(Note from Editor – the WI were recently seen in force in The Sheffield Arms enjoying their 107th birthday. They really don't look that old!!)

BURTON HERITAGE GROUP

Happy New Year to all.
Our group reconvened on 3rd February after the annual January break, gathering new members as we move on into 2025, our 16th year. We have a plan filled Spring and Summer 2025 with some changes, for instance, the 3rd Thursday of the Month Quiz Night format has changed and we now offer an opportunity to charities and organisers to step in and fundraise directly. Please get in touch if this could work for you, a fundraiser for Burton in Bloom and Burton United already have.

VE Day 80
We are well underway with planning this event. So it can be enjoyed by all the family, it will be held on Sunday the 4th of May, just four days

before VE Day itself. Back in 1945, we are reliably informed, the whole village turned out, lit bonfires, brought gramophones outside and sang and danced. On the 4th of May, we encourage you to join us at a 1940's inspired event, to do the same, minus the gramophones of course 🤣

BSHG Beer Festival 2025 (est. 2015)

Will be held on the green outside the Ferry House Inn over the weekend of 20th – 22nd June 2025. Old and, hopefully, new favourite ales and ciders will be on offer, plus some live entertainment. This year we have made extra provision for outside toilets and arranged security.

With your help, monies raised through the Beer Festival, allow us to run as a fully insured community group paying our own outgoings and, importantly, we can support other causes with our help and donations. Here are a few things we did in 2024, along with just some of the donations we were able to make.

The Hidden Valley – a free talk with David Leahey.
D Day 80 – a village commemoration service.
D Day 80 – An afternoon cream tea with live entertainment.
Annual Armistice Day Service – with Burton Stather Primary School.
In partnership with Burton in Bloom 40 new Lamppost/Lorry Poppies.
Annual Christmas Tree Light Up – a free event with Santa and free gifts for all the children.

Donations

£750.00 towards The Ferry House Inn's Free Firework Display
£100.00 to Drone to Home Search Team in memory of Holly.



£300.00 to Lindsey Lodge Hospice in support of the Chalkie White MBE Charity Truck Pull.
£1,100.00 to Humber Keel & Sloop Preservation Society.
£112.00 to The Sick Children's Trust.
£400.00 to Royal British Legion from our D Day Events.



Fete on the paddock





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!

Teddy Bears' Picnic

Best dressed Teddy Competition Theme
'Super Hero' Teddy

From 12:30 pm Stalls, Refreshment Tent and Performances

Keep the Parish Tidy

Keep North Lincolnshire Tidy

Keep Britain Tidy

Please take litter home and dispose of appropriately

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YOUR PARISH COUNCILLORS ARE:

Cllr Penny Pringle – Chair
Cllr Jim Mitchell – Vice Chair
Cllr Stephanie Bull
Cllr Russell Frisbee
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
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 May 2025	June 2025
Mid July 2025	August 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 six 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

💰 **Only £20 per year!**

🌼 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**



Little Angels Pet Services

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Little Angels Pet Services offers a one to one dog walking service around the local area and I also provide a cat/pet sitting service in the comfort of their own home.



COMMUNITY COFFEE MORNING

Riverside Restaurant



MONDAY APRIL 7TH

10.30AM - 2.30PM

Sue Regan & friends thought it was time for another community coffee morning with some rather gorgeous cake, good company and a chat about some of the things going on around us.

Supported by The Riverside Restaurant at
The Ferry House Inn, Stather Rd, Burton Stather.

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Urgent Help Needed to Ensure the Continued Running of the Village Hall



Are you 18+ years old?
Do you have a head for figures?
If so, your Village Hall needs you!!

The Village Hall requires committee members, and most importantly a Treasurer. Without committee members the Village Hall will not be able to function, and we will lose a valuable facility and resource of the village.

If you are interested and able to help, please contact Ian Pringle on 07944 636 140 or email pringle.ian@btinternet.com