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As you might be aware there are local elections again this year in which I am standing for another term. Should I be re-elected, I look forward to continuing to work with you. I wish you all a lovely spring and let's hope for some nice weather soon.

Cllr Hayden Dawkins
07910 000682

Cllr Stephen Harness
07925 050706

Cllr Stan Shreeve
07702 343340

Rainbows, Brownies and Guides

We welcome girls from the age of 4-7 into rainbows, brownies 7-10 and guides 10-14. Adult leaders are very much needed to ensure the units survive. We especially need adult's volunteers for our younger aged groups. Both girl and adult enquiries are welcome at www.girlguiding.ork.uk. You can register your interest and find out more about our organisation. When you register your interest, you will enter your postcode so even if the nights in Humberston don't fit there are other opportunities available. If you would like to speak to a local leader, please call Theresa Barker on 01472 879928.



Ward Councillor Notes

It is fair to say that as Ward Councillors we had a challenging 2023 and moving forward into 2024, I'm sure there will be new challenges waiting around the corner for us to try and resolve.

2023 saw Ward Councillors, fight planning applications in our ward, and successfully stop two applications; these being in Church Lane and Millennium Farm. We are currently waiting for the result of the Midfield Road Development.

For myself, 2023 was a good year as I was fortunate enough to be given the portfolio for culture, heritage and the visitor economy, something that I have grabbed with both hands. It's a privilege to be a Ward Councillor for the ward where I live, but also being given the chance to shape our future culture, heritage, and visitor economy is absolutely fantastic.

I think you will see, over the next few years, an increasing amount of activities in Cleethorpes in particular, which I hope the residents of North East Lincolnshire and visitors will enjoy. 2023 saw some fantastic events; the ones I would like to pick out are Fallfest, which had some of the biggest crowds we have seen, and the Christmas lights switch on in Grimsby town centre which was a fantastic event, but we are already planning Christmas 2024. Moving forward I'm sure these events will become bigger and better each year, and I am in talks about other events for Cleethorpes and the surrounding areas.

Ward Councillors attend all of the Village Council Meetings, held in Humberston, Wendover Hall, and also the Parish Council meetings in New Waltham at the Pavilion. You are welcome to attend all of these meetings.

Welcome to the Spring 2024 Edition of the Humberston Village Newsletter.

*The Newsletters are all available via our website at
www.humberstonvillagecouncil.com*

*If you have an interesting article which you think
residents would like to see, please email them to us.*

clerk@humberstonvillagecouncil.com

For events news etc. also see us on FB and Instagram

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HUMBERSTON VILLAGE COUNCIL— COUNCIL NOTES

Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month and then a Planning Meeting on the 3rd Tuesday. If there are any applications to consider. Meetings are held in the Queen Elizabeth Hall and agendas are published 6 days before on our website.

Highways/Footpaths/Traffic Issues

Matters ongoing include parking issues for residents in various locations and these are being examined, in conjunction with residents, by NELC.

Planning

The Village Council continues to receive consultation on many planning applications for Humberston and these are discussed at the Village Council main monthly meetings and also at an interim Planning Committee Meeting held mid-way through the month.

Residents are most welcome to attend and make the Village Council aware of any issues with planning. All Planning Agendas and Minutes are all on the Village Council website. The minutes show the Village Council's observations and comments on each application it considered.

Wendover Paddock and Halls

The Village Council has now had some repairs done at the Halls as required and is delighted to see the new swings and fitness equipment being so well used. At the budget meeting to be held in January 2024 the Council set aside another sum of money for new equipment and will probably look to replace the old wooden climbing frame to the rear of the Paddock.

A new 'start station' for the zip wire has also been ordered and this will be installed by the end of March. This will improve safety access for the zip wire.

Finance

The Council has now set its budget for the year 24/25 and the precept level for the Village and these are all shown on other pages in this Newsletter.

All the financial information relating to the audit is available on the Village Council's website at

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HUMBERSTON MENS' ASSOCIATION

The Humberston Mens' Association meets every two weeks on a Thursday evening from October until April. These meetings are held at the Queen Elizabeth 11 Hall, Wendover Paddock, Humberston and begin at 7.30 pm.

Listed below is the remaining programme for the 2023/2024 season. As you will see there are some very good speakers giving talks on a variety of interesting topics.

We always welcome new members so please come along to our very friendly group. It is a really pleasant way to spend a Thursday evening and there is tea or coffee and biscuits provided too !

February 15 th . 2024	Squaring The Circle Martin Chapman
February 29 th . 2024	Railway Bridges Stuart Rainhard
March 14 th . 2024 (LADIES NIGHT)	The Rise and Demise of the Grimsby Fish Transport Scheme Trevor Grayson
April 4 th . 2024	Bomber Command Barry Wallis

Village Council notes continued....

Land Management

The Council continues its management of various sites around the village and a group site visit was carried out in December and some works cutting back thistles and nettles undertaken on Carrington Gardens.

Other Matters

The Council is continuing with its cemetery extension project and has agreed to purchase the land in question from NELC, subject to obtaining successful planning permission for a change of use.

Next Meetings

Main meetings of the Council are now being held on the first Tuesday of the month

Next Scheduled Meetings are:

Tuesday 5th March 2024

Tuesday 2nd April 2024

Tuesday 7th May 2024

All meetings start at 7.15 pm and are held in the Queen Elizabeth Hall, Humberston (ie the new hall)

There are also planning meetings held on the third Tuesday of each month if

required and these agendas are also on the website as required.

THE AGENDA FOR EACH MEETING IS PUBLISHED APPROXIMATELY ONE WEEK BEFORE AND IS ALWAYS AVAILABLE ON THE VILLAGE COUNCIL WEBSITE

Residents and visitors are warmly welcomed at our meetings and there is a 'public session' held at the Chairman's discretion, for members of the public to be able to speak on issues before the Council.

Please check for planning meetings held on the third Tuesday of each month if required.

Social Media Contact

Please do not book the Halls or make any cemetery enquiries or bookings through our FB page. We use this as a message board only—please contact us directly if you want to book the Hall etc. or access any other services which the Village Council provides.

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HUMBERSTON VILLAGE COUNCIL

Details for Council members are as follows—

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Please contact the Clerk on the above number for all hall bookings, cemetery bookings and enquiries, allotment vacancies and general enquiries for Humberston Village Council. Or please use the email shown for the Clerk.



Police News continued.....

How you can help

Your local Neighbourhood Policing Team appreciates the importance of being in the right place, at the right time, for the right reasons to reassure the public, improve public confidence and reduce crime and anti-social behaviour in the area in which we all live and work.

We encourage all residents to call and report any issues where they live so that we can deal with any issues and step up our patrols in the area.

If you feel that there are other issues affecting you or your local community that should be given priority, please inform your local councillors or your Neighbourhood Policing Team.

The number to call for non-emergency issues is 101
The named officers for the Humberston and New Waltham Ward are:

PC 995 Dave Cave
PC 2184 Peter Bore
PCSO 7574 Morgan Corps
PCSO 7582 Jenny Mckie
They can be contacted via email on

SPOCCommunitiesHumberston&NewWaltham@humberside.pnn.police.uk



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Local Community News



Protecting Communities, Targeting Criminals, Making a Difference

Humberston & New Waltham Ward Update January 2024

Crime

There have been thirty seven reported crimes across the Humberston & New Waltham Ward for December to date (22nd).

For Humberston these included:

During the early evening of 2nd December, a home on Fieldhouse Road was broken into via a rear window. Jewellery was stolen.

Other crime include:

Seven shop thefts, including one making off without payment for fuel.

Two reports of harassment.

Four assaults.

One minor public order offence.

There has been one report of ASB, regarding cyclists riding on the footpath on Humberston Avenue.

VILLAGE COUNCIL OFFICE OPEN HOURS:

The Clerk to the Village Council is available once a week in person in the Office at Wendover Paddock Hall every Thursday afternoon from 2pm to 4pm.

If you wish to speak to the Clerk or make a hall booking, have a cemetery or allotment enquiry, planning issue or just a general enquiry, do please call in in person on Thursday afternoons. This is a regular open office slot every week to allow residents enhanced access to the Council services. No appointment is necessary please just call in between 2pm and 4 pm.

For the rest of the week, the Clerk will still work remotely and Mondays to Thursdays 9am to 4 pm the Clerk can be reached on the Office number 07494 577661 or on our email at

clerk@humberstonvillagecouncil.com

Next Edition of the Newsletter

Summer 2024

**Articles, adverts etc. for the next edition must be with us
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FRIDAY 3rd May 2024

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EVENTS NEWS

A big thank you to Santa for bringing his Sleigh to our Christmas Event in early December and to all the residents who came along and supported the event.



Also a big thank you to all the businesses, Ward Cllrs. and private individuals who donated raffle prizes for us including North Sea Lane Fish and Chip Restaurant, Wardle Butchers, Humberston Spar and the Tap House.

SUMMER EVENT 2024 !!

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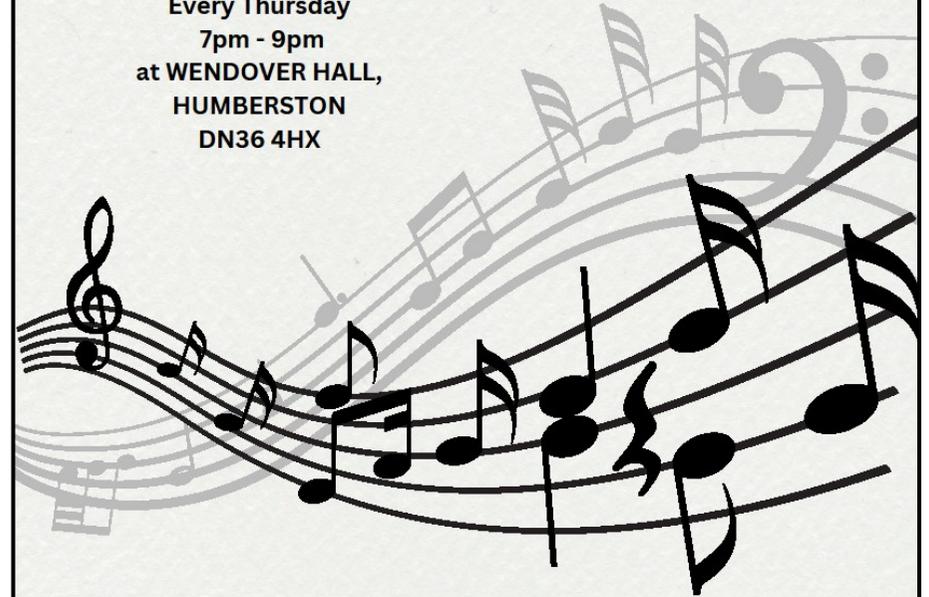
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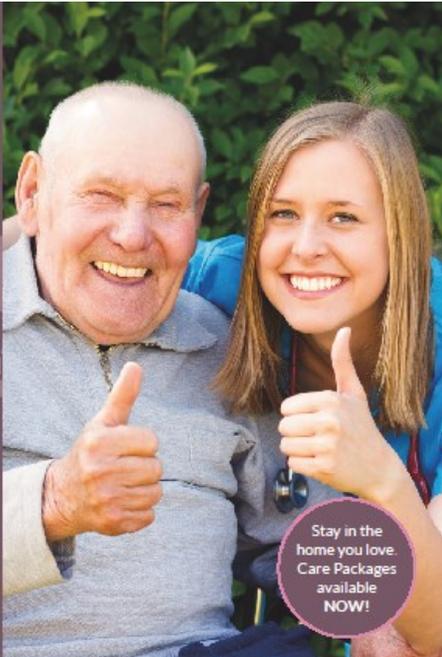
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Summer Clubs 2024 !!

We will be running Summer Clubs in Wendover Paddock on Fridays during the school summer holidays. Our programme will be 10 am to 12 noon -

- **Friday 2nd August—Andy Carr Entertainment**
- **Friday 9th August—Nunny's Farm coming to us with all of the animals to pet, feed etc.**
- **Friday 16th August—LC Fitness Entertainment**
- **Friday 23rd August—Holiday Craft Club**

These will be free session for local children—age range 5 to 11—no need to book in, just come along. If any adults wish to stay and help they will be welcomed!

D DAY 80TH CELEBRATION AFTERNOON TEA

Save the Date—Thursday 6th June 2024

We will be inviting those aged 65 and over to attend a special afternoon tea—further details to follow on our social media and notice boards etc

KNOW YOUR VILLAGE COUNCILLORS !

A feature to introduce you all to your Village Councillors -

Councillor Tracey Rudd

My name is Tracey Rudd and I am one of your local village councillors.

I am originally from Scunthorpe and moved to Cleethorpes in 1999. I later moved to Humberston in 2011. I am married with a grown up daughter.



I previously had a career as a bank manager, but joined the civil service when I moved to Cleethorpes, and my role sees me supporting vulnerable families.

I have volunteered all my working life in different roles. I have been a village councillor since 2019 and am currently the Chair of the Cemetery and Allotment Committee and the Personnel Committee.

I have many hobbies and enjoy spending as much time as I can in my garden growing fruit and veg.

31 st March.	Easter Day.	Holy Communion	11.00
7 th April.	2 nd Sunday of Easter.	Morning Prayer	11.00
14 th April.	3 rd Sunday of Easter.	Holy Communion.	11.00
21 st April.	4 th Sunday of Easter.	Morning Prayer.	11.00
28 th April.	5 th Sunday of Easter.	Holy Communion.	11.00

Alternative Friday mornings is Michael Taylor's Art Class. Please contact Michael if you would like to join. You will be made very welcome. Telephone 01472 873200.

Please follow St Peter's on Facebook <HTTPS://www.facebook.com/StPetersChurchHumberston>

Please contact any of the following if you require any information about St Peter's Church

Sue Sinclair.	Church Warden.	07708974390
Theresa Barker.	Church Warden/Treasurer.	07855912492
Lesley Howard	Secretary.	07904983738

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St.Peter's Parish Church, Humberston

Greetings from St Peter's Church

The Christmas Services were very well attended and I think everyone enjoyed the sense of community and the Carol singing. The children loved the Crib Service and the setting up of the Crib. We also had a Nativity which was lovely and organised by Revd. Christopher.

We are now coming up to Easter and here is a passage from Mathew 4 verses 1:4

Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. And he fasted forty days and forty nights and afterward he was hungry And the tempter came and said to him. "if you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread" But he answered "it is written Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God".

Services and Events for February, March and April

18 th February	1 st Sunday of Lent	Morning Prayer.	11.00
25 th February.	2 nd Sunday of Lent.	Holy Communion.	11.00
3 rd March.	3 rd Sunday of Lent.	Morning Prayer.	11.00
10 th March.	Mothering Sunday.		11.00
14 th March.	Pop in.	Tea/Coffee and Chat.	10 - 12
17 th March.	Passion Sunday.	Morning Prayer.	11.00
24 th March.	Palm Sunday.	Holy Communion.	11.00

VILLAGE COUNCIL VACANCIES

Ever Thought about being a Parish Councillor?

Ever wondered what your Village Council actually does?

The Village Council still has some casual vacancies to fill and would love to hear from you if you might be interested in joining. Have you ever thought about making a difference to where you live? The Village Council is consulted on its opinion on all planning applications for the village of Humberston, and those on its boundary. It is also involved in traffic and highways issues within the Village, meeting regularly with NELC. It also owns and manages quite a bit of land in the Village as well as running a large cemetery, over 80 allotments and its two community buildings.

If you would like to get involved in decisions which affect the lives of people in Humberston, then get in touch with us, or simply come along and sit through a Village Council meeting to see what it is we do and then take it from there.

For an informal chat please contact one of the Council members (the details are on page 7) or contact the Clerk for further information.

We hope to see you at a future meeting!

What's on at the Halls?

The following are the regular classes taking place in either the Wendover Hall or the Queen Elizabeth II Hall. For further information please either pop along to the class and speak to the organiser or call us on 07494 577661

Mondays

Wendover Preschool	all day Wendover Hall
Ashlie Cait Dance School	evening in Wendover Hall
Zumba 9.30—10.30 am	Queen Elizabeth Hall
Bingo (fortnightly) afternoon	“
Guides 6.30 to 8.30 pm	“

Tuesdays

Wendover Preschool	all day Wendover Hall
Carpet Bowling Club	evening in Wendover Hall
Pilates 10 –11 and 11-12	Queen Elizabeth Hall
LC Fitness Children's Class 5 to 6 pm	“
Art Class 7 to 9 pm	Meeting room, Wendover Hall

Village Council Meetings are also held on Tuesday evenings—the first and third Tuesdays of each month

Wednesdays

Wendover Preschool	all day Wendover Hall
Ashlie Cait Dance School	evening in Wendover Hall



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Humber Belles 7 to 9 pm

Wendover Hall

Wendover Preschool

all day Wendover Hall

Yoga with Jan 1.30 to 3.00 pm

Queen Elizabeth Hall

LC Fitness Child's Class 4.15-5.515

Queen Elizabeth Hall

Yoga with Mollie 6 to 7 pm

Queen Elizabeth Hall

Humberston Mens' Association

every other week QE Hall 7.30

Fridays

Wendover Preschool

all day Wendover Hall

Zumba 9.30 to 10.30 am

Queen Elizabeth Hall

Rainbows/Brownies from 4.30 pm

Queen Elizabeth Hall

Saturdays

Ashlie Cait Dance School

morning in Wendover Hall

Afternoons and evenings

both halls available for private hires

Sundays

Both Halls available for private hires

Humberston Budget and Village Precept

The Village Council met in January 2024 to set its budget for the coming financial year of 24/25 and also to set the precept requirement for Humberston Village.

Budget for 24/25

Admin **£10,610**

This includes all office/stationery/phone expenses, membership fees for organisations which provide legal and other services to the Council, courses and training for Members and Staff, public liability insurance and audit fees each year.

Staffing **£67,300**

This covers 5 staff positions and includes all PAYE, pension contributions, insurances, holiday cover etc. Rates are not set by the Council but are set nationally for staff members.

Village Halls and Paddock **£14,500**

This includes all insurances, utility supplies such as gas/electricity/water, business rates, repairs and maintenance, necessary licences, fire fighting and safety equipment, all cleaning materials and waste disposal.

Cemetery **£44,640**

Covers the annual maintenance contract which runs now until 2025, water rates, business rates, gritting and turfing and the waste disposal at the cemetery.

This figure also includes the planned cemetery extension project costs—land purchase from NELC and loan repayments for set up costs

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Allotments

£3,800

Covers water rates, rental of site, competition, project and repairs etc.

Paddock

£17,000

This includes annual inspection and routine maintenance and new equipment provision in the Paddock.

Newsletter

£9,000

Covers printing and distribution of Village Newsletter for four editions each year.

Events

£3,000

This provides a Summer Event, a Christmas Event, Holiday Clubs during the Summer and other events put on by the Council. Some events are self funding through refreshment sales etc. and some are laid on by the Council with the Council standing the costs.

Other

£14,500

This figure includes ongoing maintenance of Centenary Green, projects identified for the year—with acoustic boarding to the QE Hall included in this, roof repairs to Wendover Hall, tarmac fund savings and some works to the trees within the Cemetery and a sum included towards continued land management maintenance within the Village on sites owned by the Village Council.

Total Budget for year 2024/25

£184,350

Revenue:

During the year the Village Council brings in revenue from the Halls, the Cemetery, the allotments and also through selling of advertising

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Budget and precept notes continued.....

within the Humberston Newsletter. Revenue does vary each year.

Approximate revenue figures for an average year total around £30,000 to £35,000.

Setting of Precept for Humberston Village

The Precept for Humberston Village has been set at £120,000 for the coming financial year of 2024/25. This is an increase on the previous year's precept but there has been a significant increase in the number of houses in Humberston through the new building taking place.

The Precept increase is shown below with an approximate calculation for each house banding—the figures are PER HOUSE, PER YEAR

House Tax Band	Precept for 24/25 at £120k
A	29.59
B	34.53
C	39.46
D	44.39
E	54.25
F	64.12
G	73.98
H	88.78

The increase for an average Band D house will be £2.56 per year which equates to a 21 pence per month increase.

About DAWN BLUNDEN

Dawn Blunden is a cake maker and cake decorator based in Woodhall Spa. She is passionate about her job which she regards as a creative art form. Dawn makes the most amazing cakes, nothing it seems is beyond her imagination and skill. How about the one of her recent creations – this incr-edible lion ?



Her talent has not gone unnoticed. In 2005 she was commissioned to make the official wedding cake for HRH The Prince of Wales and Mrs. Camilla Parker Bowles (now King Charles III and Queen Camilla). A replica of this amazing cake, as shown below, is displayed at Dawn's premises in Woodhall Spa.



In 2006 she was asked to make a spray of sugar flowers for Her Majesty The Queen on the occasion of her 80th. birthday, This is pictured above.

One year later she was called upon to make a 60th birthday cake for HRH The Duchess of Cornwall, who is now Queen Camilla.

In 2008 she had the honour of making the official birthday cake for HRH The Prince of Wales, now King Charles III. The cake was twenty inches square and was a replica of the Walled Garden at Highgrove. The list goes on

Dawn is always in demand, but still found time in 2017 to produce some unique 10th. Anniversary cookies for the Humberston Happening's Last Night of the Proms Concert in November of that year.

HUMBERSTON HAPPENING NEWS

The Humberston Happening proudly present

An illustrated talk and presentation by

DAWN BLUNDEN

On Friday 19th April 2024 at 7.0 Pm

Queen Elizabeth II Hall,

Wendover Paddock Humberston

Tickets £ 5 (to include complimentary wine, soft drink, tea or coffee at the interval) from the Gingerbread House, Church Lane, Humberston, by phone to Trevor (812543) or Enid (814147) or by email to admin@humberstonhappening.com

**A recipe for an interesting talk
by Dawn Blunden**

**A cupful of Royalty
A sprinkling of celebrities
A pinch of TV and radio
A large spoonful of laughter
And an ounce or two of talent.**

**Mix together & decorate with a "big"
personality and enjoy an abundance of
funny stories and anecdotes**

We are delighted to welcome Dawn to Humberston for this very special event. It is an occasion not to be missed, because Dawn has a unique and fascinating story to tell.

Village Council Planning Meetings:

The Village Council considers planning applications at its main meetings on the first Tuesday of each month and then also at Planning Committee meetings which are usually held on the third Tuesday of each month. Agendas showing the plans received and to be discussed are always available on our website at www.humberstonvillagecouncil.com

The Village Council always welcomes members of the public to come along for planning issues whether to show us details of a proposal or to make representations on applications already in the planning system. Meetings start at either 7.15 or 7.00 pm and this is shown on the agenda.

The new draft Local Plan for NE Lincolnshire

The new draft local plan is out for consultation from NELC and its vitally important that as many people as possible engage with the consultation process. There are a number of sites within Humberston which are being proposed for development and the Village Council will be commenting on these as it wishes to see development within the Village slowed down.

Residents can log on to www.nelincs.gov.uk and put New Local Plan in the search box at the top of the page and it will take them to the appropriate documents. Comments need to be in by 8th March 2024 but there will be a second round of consultation.

OR a draft copy is available in the Parish Office on Thursday afternoons between 2 and 4 pm to take a look at this.

WENDOVER PADDOCK



Dogs are NOT allowed in the Paddock area.

Only assistance dogs may be present in the Paddock.

This is for health and safety/hygiene reasons as children are using the paddock.

New Equipment!

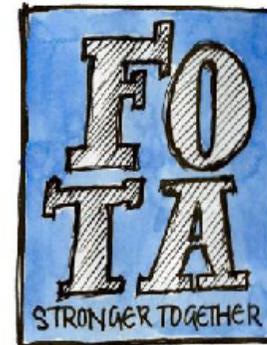
We are now having an official 'start station' installed for the zip wire as the current grassy mound can get rather muddy and slippery so the new official start ramp will make the use of the zip wire much better.

The Council will also be looking to put in another piece of equipment during 2024.



The Paddock is open every day of the year apart from Christmas Day and although private hires can take place within the Halls, the Paddock itself cannot be hired and always remains open for use by the public.

PARKING IN THE PADDOCK should only be for those actually using the Paddock area or one of the Halls. The Paddock car park is not for general use so do please try not to use the car park for funerals and weddings as it prevents others from accessing the Paddock.



Attention Photographers!

Have you captured an image on or around The Fitties Chalet Park, The Beach, The SSSI, The RSPB Nature Reserve, Flora or Fauna that would look fantastic in a new 2025 Calendar?

YES? Then we would love you to enter our Photography Competition to feature in a 2025 Fitties Calendar.

This is meant to be a fun competition but may we make a couple of requests.



The theme of the competition is 'Fitties Life'. Please submit up to three photos in total and preferably only one sunset/sunrise.

These should be your own work and free of any copyright

Digital Landscape images in JPEG format should be uploaded to jayne.rendallfota@gmail.com by midnight on 30th June 2024.

A panel of judges will select the photographs they feel best reflect our beautiful Chalet Park and notify the winners by email by the end of September 2024. Calendars will hopefully be printed and available for sale from 1st November with all proceeds going to FOTA / Local wildlife charities

Fitties Owners and Tenants Association

The Fitties Owners and Tenants Association have signed a short lease to take over the Fitties Community Garden.

In December a Christmas Fayre was planned and many owners and friends made crafts and gifts to sell. Unfortunately the weather took a turn for the worst and with howling winds and pouring rain, the event was hastily moved indoors. In true Fitties style, someone offered up their chalet which was quickly cleared of furniture and the event went ahead and was enjoyed by all who attended.

January saw the RSPB Big Garden Bird Watch and owners gathered in the Garden to discuss sightings. A wide variety of birds were spotted including flocks of sparrows and blue tits.



The Fitties Owners and Tenants Association are planning to produce a 2025 Calendar and welcome entries from anyone who takes photographs in and around the Fitties.

The theme is 'Fitties Life' and entries can be sent to jayne.rendallfota@gmail.com.

A maximum of 3 photos per person can be submitted and if you photo includes a human, please ensure you have their permission to share the image. Please include you full name and a contact number. The closing date for entries is June 30th 2024.

Further details of Fitties Events are displayed on the notice board near the Fitties Entrance and on social media.

HUMBERSTON ALLOTMENT NEWS

We have been busy doing all of the allotment renewals for the coming year of 24/25 and a few vacancies occurred which have now been filled from those on our allotment waiting list.

Only those on our official waiting list can get a plot so see the details in the box below.

So if you would like to be considered for an allotment then make sure you put your name on our list, then when vacancies occur we go through the list (in date order) to allocate those vacant plots.

Anyone wanting to go on our waiting list for an allotment should ring the Clerk to the Council on 07494 577661 or email us at clerk@humberstonvillagecouncil.com

CEMETERY NEWS

The Village Council is just waiting for its planning permission for a change of use to come through and it will then proceed to purchase the extra land adjacent to the current cemetery site to provide a further cemetery extension.

This is a major project for the Village Council but is much needed as the Cemetery is popular with both residents and non-residents and the extra space will be required for use within the next two years or so.

The design will include a feature for commemorative/ remembrance plaques so that if you have someone you would like to remember but who is not interred in the Cemetery, you will be able to purchase a plaque to be put up in a small garden of remembrance area . There will be a covered gazebo type structure and seating within this area.

Current Cemetery Fees will be increased from 1st April 2024 but only for non-residents. The fees for Humberston residents have not been increased and will remain as they are for the next financial year. Only non-resident fees have been slightly increased. For further information on any aspect of the cemetery please call us on 07494 577661 or email us at:



Home maintenance & Improvements

1st & 2nd fix joinery

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Patio & pathways

Decking, fencing & gates

Tree felling & pruning...to name a few

All jobs considered, no job too small!

Call for a free no obligation quote

Tel: 07877644652

Dog Fouling

There has been a considerable increase in dog fouling in the Village. Do please pick up after your pooch and either take the bag home and put it in your general waste wheely bin which NELC is happy for you to do, or put it in a nearby dog bin or general litter bin if there is one handy.

Lets keep the village clean and tidy! Thank You.

