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ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

13th MAY 2024

At The Methodist Church (Refreshments are being provided)

Commencing 6.00pm when residents will be able to:

- Meet the Councillors and discuss views and ideas as to the needs of the village.
- Report any problems that they feel need addressing.
- Various organisations will be attending where questions/concerns can be addressed.

The Annual Parish Meeting will be followed at 8.00pm by the Annual Parish Council General Meeting.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Where: Methodist Chapel

When: 1st Monday of month

Time: 7.00pm

(except Bank Holidays)



See Parish Notice Boards for Committee Meetings

PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS

The Parish Office will be open on Monday, Tuesday & Thursday from 9.15am to 12.30pm.

Contact details are shown on the front page of this Newsletter

BILLINGHAY PARISH COUNCIL TEAM

Chairman: Wendy Liles

Parish Clerk: Helen Key

Parish Councillors: Andy Catlett, Les Ball, Roger Miller, Tom Cassidy, Steve Cottrell and Robert Greetham

District Council Members: Sarah Anne Lawrence, Adrian Whittle

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Billinghay Parish Council

BILLINGHAY PARISH OFFICE NEWS

As you are aware, the Parish Office has to deal with a wide range of issues and the staff try their very best to be helpful. Varying topics are raised and we intend publishing information where we can offer help, point you in the right direction or where we need your help.

PARISH OFFICE CONTACT DETAILS:

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CHILDREN'S CENTRE & FIRE STATION DEFIBRILLATORS

Please note that the defibrillators located at the Children's Centre on Fen Road and the Fire Station, Mill Lane are maintained by the Billinghay Parish Council.

If you notice any issues with either of the defibrillators, please contact the Parish Office.

Access to the equipment is obtained by dialling 999 and you will then be given a code to open the case.

OTHER COUNCIL NEWS

To keep residents informed, we are publishing details of salient points arising from Council meetings and other work that may be undertaken. Certain issues detailed in the Minutes of meetings can only be released when the Minutes are approved (usually the following meeting). Full copies of the approved minutes are available on the Parish Council website <https://billinghamay.parish.lincolnshire.gov.uk>.

New Councillors

Following the resignation of Cllr Mitchell, we now have vacancies for four more Councillors. Full details of the co-option process are detailed on our website. If you have some spare time and feel you could contribute to the development of the village, why not become a Councillor? Call in the Parish Office and talk to the staff about the work involved. You could make the difference.

Cemetery Procedures

Following the recent review, we are taking the opportunity to publish the latest cemetery regulations and these are detailed on pages 4 & 5 of this newsletter.

During the review, the Council has become aware of the large number of plots in the Walcott Road Cemetery that have been reserved for future Burials and Ashes interment. The review has shown several instances of relatives being unaware of the reservation and the plot has not been used. Would those residents who have reserved plots ensure that the relevant family members and friends are aware. Should anyone require details of reserved Plot Numbers, please contact the Parish Office for details.

Citizens Advice Bureau

The Council recently gave a donation to the CAB whose workload has increased during the recent pandemic and economic difficulties. It is hoped that the CAB will attend a meeting open to the public to explain how they can help.

Council Tax

Residents will have been pleased to note that the portion of their Council Tax relating to the Parish Council was reduced.

Speed Indicator Device (SID)

Both devices have been brought back into use and it is the Council's intention to publish the statistics as and when these have been analysed. The latest ones that are available are shown on page 14 of this Newsletter.

Dog Fouling

Our street cleaner reports on the number of instances where she clears dog poo on her rounds. Whilst overall numbers appear to have levelled off, she is still finding large quantities of bagged dog poo that has just been left in a heap rather than being placed in a litter or dog poo bin. Hopefully this practice will be eradicated in the coming months.

Litter Collection

As requested by several residents, we are publishing the bin collection details for Billinghamay residents. We are led to believe that in some outlying areas of the village, there may be slight differences but these will be the same as in previous years.

Walcott Road Cemetery Billinghay



Information on Regulations, Terms & Charges

Billinghay Parish Council has overall responsibility for the management and maintenance of the Walcott Road Cemetery in Billinghay. We want the area to be safe, pleasant and welcoming for each of our visitors. Above all, we hope that the families of the bereaved are made to feel welcome and are comforted at one of the most difficult times of their lives.



The main part of the Cemetery is for the interment of coffins in standard graves. The cemetery also has a dedicated area for the interment of ashes, as well as an area for green burials.



Current regulations and terms for Walcott Road Cemetery:

The full terms and conditions for the Cemetery are contained in the Billinghay Parish Council Cemetery Policy (PCD015). The policy contains regulations relating to:

- Headstones and Plinths
- Borders
- Displays
- Wreaths
- Growing plants
- Demarcation
- Ornaments
- Memorial tablets
- Placing of pots
- Memorial benches

These restrictions have been agreed in order to enable the maintenance team to keep the cemetery and grounds safe and in good order. Please read and adhere to these terms to avoid any upset in the future.

Burial Ground Charges.

The Cemetery Policy also details the full list of charges for use of the Cemetery. Different charges apply to residents and non-residents of Billinghay.

We understand that family members may want to be interred next to their loved ones. Provision is made for this by allowing the reservation of a plot, known as the purchase of Exclusive Rights of Burial. Full terms and charges are contained in the Cemetery Policy.

The Cemetery Policy can be accessed on the Billinghay Parish Council Website.

For further information, questions or queries, please contact the Clerk to the Parish Council.

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DOG FOULING

Unfortunately, these pictures represent sights still regularly found on footpaths and off-road areas around Billingham. Whilst a large number of dog owners are responsible and dispose of dog waste correctly, there is a minority that do not.



Anyone who fails to clear up after their dog can be issued with a Fixed Penalty Notice of up to £100. If the case goes to court this could cost the owner or person in charge of the animal up to £1,000.

The law states that being unaware a dog has fouled or not having a suitable bag is not a reasonable excuse. If someone does fail to clean up after their pet in the village, it falls to the Parish Council to get rid of it. This cost ultimately comes out of your Council Tax.

Some might argue that putting the dog poo into a bag and then hanging the bag from a tree or dumping the bag on the ground is OK. This is not the case. If there is not a bin nearby then please take the bag home and dispose of responsibly.



Dog fouling is not only deeply unpleasant, but also dangerous. Whilst rare, contact with dog waste can cause toxocariasis – a nasty infection that can lead to dizziness, nausea, asthma and even blindness or seizures.

Penny, the council litter picker, does a sterling job in clearing the dog waste from our public areas. Without her efforts we would all be subject to a lot more dog waste than we currently are.

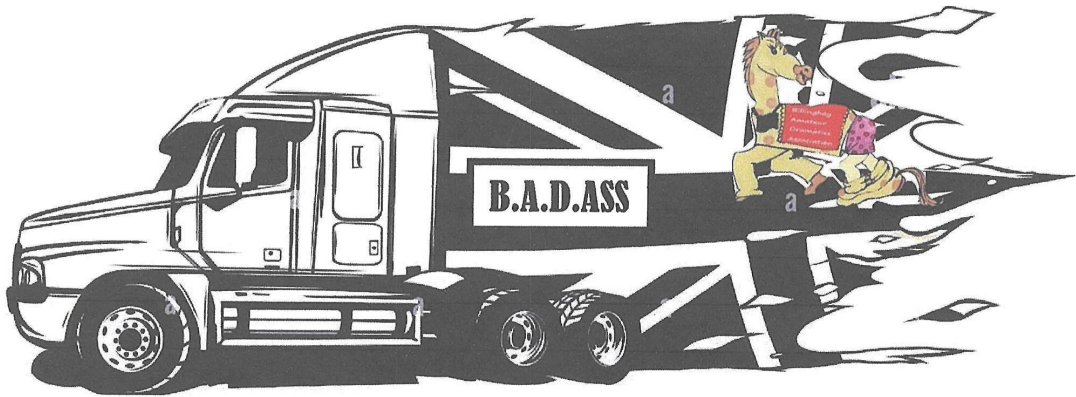
Throughout the village there are located 16 litter bins which can be used for the disposal of both litter and dog waste (but in poo bags please). In addition, there are 8 dedicated dog waste bins. The eighth bin has recently been installed in Mill Lane at the junction of the footpath leading to Park Lane. This is to address a growing issue with dog waste in the fields off Mill Lane, alongside the 2 public footpaths to Park Lane and the playing field.

Please dispose of your dog waste responsibly

Billingham Amateur Dramatics Association

Presents

Another Truck Load of B.A.D.Ass.



Date: Saturday 22nd June 2024

Venue: Coach & Horses, Billingham

**B.A.D.Ass. will be presenting an evening of entertainment including
a one act play & musical performances.**

Tickets will be on sale 1st May 2024.

Please contact Katie on 07799 617674 for more information.

BIN COLLECTION DATES

2024-2025

- Please ensure your bins are out by **6.30am** on collection day
- To check what can go into each bin please refer to the A-Z recycling guide (www.n-kesteven.gov.uk/recyclingguide)

FRIDAY

	Black Bin		Green Lidded Bin		Purple Bin	
	Month	Day	Month	Day	Month	Day
2024	April	5			April	12
	April	19	April	26		
	May	3			May	10
	May	17	May	24		
	May	31			June	7
	June	14	June	21		
	June	28			July	5
	July	12	July	19		
	July	26			August	2
	August	9	August	16		
	August	23			August	30
	September	6	September	13		
	September	20			September	27
	October	4	October	11		
	October	18			October	25
	November	1	November	8		
November	15			November	22	
November	29	December	6			
December	13			December	20	
December	28 (SAT)					
2025			January	4 (SAT)		
	January	10			January	17
	January	24	January	31		
	February	7			February	14
	February	21	February	28		
	March	7			March	14
	March	21	March	28		
	April	4				

Thank you for joining our garden waste collection service.

Friday - Week 2

Brown wheeled bin - collection dates

March	29 (no change)	September	27
April	12	October	11
April	26	October	25
May	10	November	8
May	24	November	22
June	7	December	6
June	21		
July	5	January	17
July	19	January	31
August	2	February	14
August	16	February	28
August	30	March	14
September	13		

Brown wheeled bin - What goes in & what stays out

✓ Yes please

- ✓ Grass, weeds and hedge cuttings
- ✓ Leaves
- ✓ Clean straw
- ✓ Flowers and plants
- ✓ Twigs and small branches
- ✓ Real Christmas trees (cut into small lengths)

✗ No thank you

- ✗ Bags (plastic & biodegradable)
- ✗ Food waste (inc. fruit & veg peelings)
- ✗ Ash
- ✗ Glass
- ✗ Bricks & hardcore
- ✗ Tree stumps & root balls
- ✗ Grass sods and turf
- ✗ Soil
- ✗ Household waste
- ✗ Soiled pet bedding

For further information please visit www.n-kesteven.gov.uk
Please ensure your bins are out by 06.30 am on collection day



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Food Served 7 Days a Week

Monday 12 :00 - 14:00 and 17:00 - 21:30

Tuesday 12:00 - 14:00 and 17:00 - 21:30

Weds 12:00 - 14:00 and 17:00 - 21:30

Thursday 12:00 - 14:00 and 17:00 - 21:30

Friday 12:00 - 14:00 and 17:00 - 21:30

Saturday 12:00 - 14:00 and 17:00 - 21:30

Sunday 16:00 - 19:30

Sunday Roast Dinner 12:00 - 16:00

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MONDAYS

Renew class: Billingham Village Hall,
7-8pm: Tai Chi, Yoga, Pilates-based with
relaxation)

TUESDAYS

Renew class: Tattershall Village Hall,
10.15am-11.15am
Seated exercise: Tattershall Village Hall
2.30-3.30pm

THURSDAYS

Renew class: Scopwick Village Hall,
6.30-7.30pm

FRIDAYS

Renew class: Coningsby Community Hall,
10.15-11.15am

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SPEED INDICATOR DEVICES

Both devices have been in operation. This article covers the statistics for the period 26th September 2023 to 6th December 2023, when both SIDs were set to face traffic approaching from Walcott. Both SIDs were switched off over the period 7th December 2023 to 6th February 2024. This is in line with operating practices as a device constantly on becomes part of the furniture; think of that health and safety poster on the notice board that has been there months that nobody takes any notice of. For the period 7th February 2024 to 5th April 2024 both SIDs were again set facing traffic approaching from Walcott.



The statistics for the periods are as below.:

Shire Close junction SID	From Walcott	To Walcott
26 Sep 23 to 6 Dec 23		
Average speed:	26.54 mph	26.98 mph
Number of vehicles over period:	134302	161768
Percentage of vehicles doing 32 mph or less:	95%	93%
7 Feb 24 to 5 Apr 24		
Average speed:	26.8 mph	27.3 mph
Number of vehicles over period:	93905	113212
Percentage of vehicles doing 32 mph or less:	94.5%	90.5%
Field Road junction SID	From Walcott	To Walcott
26 Sep 23 to 6 Dec 23		
Average speed:	28.1 mph	32.95 mph
Number of vehicles over period:	170183	169650
Percentage of vehicles doing 32 mph or less:	82%	56%
7 Feb 24 to 5 Apr 24		
Average speed:	28.15 mph	32.91 mph
Number of vehicles over period:	115509	115774
Percentage of vehicles doing 32 mph or less:	83%	52.5%

Unsurprisingly, the Field Road SIDs shows quite clearly the disregard of the 30 mph speed limit past Tower View Close and Church Fields Close by almost 50% of drivers when leaving the village. The siting of the Police Mobile Speed Vehicle and random police speed checks have led to action being taken against drivers but this does not appear to be a deterrent. However, on entering the village the statistics are slightly more encouraging.

With a substantial amount of data now available it will be possible to get a greater interpretation of the data, such as times of day break downs etc. More to follow. As before, the maximum speed recorded has not been published as we do not want to encourage anyone to think this is a target to be beaten.

NEW

**CHAT & CRAFT
IN THE
METHODIST SCHOOLROOM
ON
FOURTH TUESDAY IN THE MONTH
BEGINNING
28TH MAY 2024**

**Come along with your craft
(e.g. Knitting, Sewing, Colouring etc.)
Or just call in for a cuppa.**

For more information, contact Val on 01526 860614



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**BILLINGHAY MEDICAL
PRACTICE**

Statistics say that Billingham surgery is high up the national list of best surgeries!
But we know that don't we!

The Patient Participation Group here at Billingham Surgery is open to interested new members. Issues are agenda'd at each of the quarterly meetings and the group is kept informed on current developments and issues within the practice.

Take a leaflet with contact details or let the receptionist know if you are interested in joining in.

Once again, the number of appointments that are not attended is cause for concern as these appointments could have been filled by someone else in need of an urgent one.

Patient Participation Group

Representing patients and putting them at the heart of all we do

During December, these appointments totalled 154, meaning 39 unused hours.

Please contact the surgery if no longer needed.

The dates of this year's meeting will take place in the Surgery waiting room at 18.00 on

- ❖ **16 April 2024**
- ❖ **2 July 2024**
- ❖ **8 October 2024**
- ❖ **14 January 2025**



Contact:

billinghammedicalpracticeppg@gmail.com

Please take a look at the Community Board, there may be some wellness activity you may wish to join.

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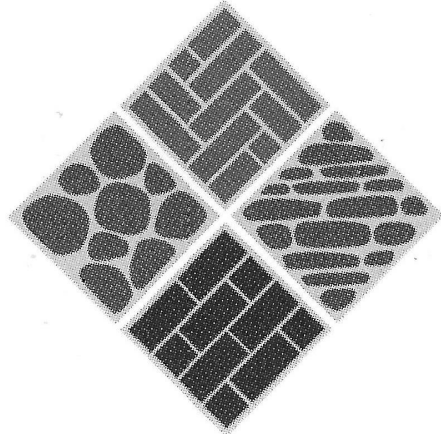
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<i>Sat</i>	<i>3-11</i>	
<i>Food Served</i>	<i>5-8</i>	
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<i>Traditional Sunday Lunch</i>	<i>12-2</i>	

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If everyone who is affected also reported the problem direct to Lincolnshire County Council, the seriousness of the problem would be emphasised. The identity of the person reporting the problem can remain anonymous unless they choose to show their name.

Residents without computer access can still report problems via the Parish Council who will pass on details to Lincolnshire County Council. We will continue to do this but we can only register the complaint once. Numerous residents reporting the same problem will have a greater impact on prioritising problems.

Therefore, we would recommend that you use the system provided by the County Council and report the problems directly to them using the **Fix My Street system on the LCC website**.

This is straightforward to use and can be accessed using:

<https://fixmystreet.lincolnshire.gov.uk>

A WALK THROUGH THE PAST IN BILLINGHAY (Continued from the last issue)

The Ship seems to have been the meeting place for numerous village eccentrics (some would say that it still is!). There was a silver cup called the "Royal George" with a half-gallon capacity and several customers could drain it with ease.

Loll Creasey, who was an ex-professional boxer who fought all over the country for six years until the Second World War broke out, used to perform great feats of strength lifting a 56lb weight with each little finger for the amusement of his fellow drinkers.

Sukey Flash was a retired tailor, a tall, thin man, whose years of sitting cross-legged as he stitched had given him unusually mobile joints. For a pint of beer, he would demonstrate his ability to balance the pint glass on his upturned sole and lift it to his mouth to drink. He could also weave through the gap below the seat of a chair, slithering in and out of the tiny spaces between the cross pieces on the chair legs and the seat itself.

But Bubbling Jack Smith was perhaps one of the most remarkable eccentrics to grace The Ship. He was a fearsome character who struck terror into the hearts of the local children. He used to aggravate the already-inflamed Saturday night fighters by circling around the back of the locked rowdies and kicking the backs of their knees. Probably his most notable achievement, however, was his rat-catching. He used to release a large and unsavoury rat from a sack and pursue it on hands and knees, like a dog, among the chair and table legs until he had got it cornered. His astonishing tour de force was then to bite out the rat's throat with his teeth, upon which he collected free drinks from the astonished onlookers.

Opposite the Ship. On the corner of Queen Street and High Street is a private house, which was once The Old Lord Nelson Pub. As a child Edwards Willows (1854 – 1938), the son of John Locking Willows, who owned Willows General Store in Queen Street, saw a drunken scuffle outside the pub end in a fatal stabbing.

After witnessing the murder, he vowed then and there that when he was a man he would buy the pub and close it down. Unlike most pious childhood resolutions, Edward Willows, grew up and kept his promise. (the picture overleaf shows the Old Lord Nelson Pub opposite the Ship Inn)

Number 5 Queen Street was once a tailor's. The frontage and windows have remained very much as they were, and it was here, in full view through the window, that Mr F Hollins a ladies and gents Tailor used to sit in the 1930s. He was perched, cross-legged, on a high table which kept

the material off the floor and free from dust or grime, stitching breeches and the suits which he sold for thirty shillings apiece. Shirts were also available at 5s 11d each and gloves at 1s 11d.

Facing the old tailors is the site where Wilson's Taxi Business used to be



run with the old petrol pump still visible in the yard. The garage was built in 1947/8.

Walter Wilson also used to use a car and trailer to transport pigs to the local markets in Boston and Lincoln. In addition he ferried the children to school from the outlying areas like Tattershall Bridge as well as delivering hot dinners to the school.

On the opposite side of the street was a block which stretched to the corner of Queen Street and Bridge Street and this was Willows General Store which operated until the early 1940s. It sold sugar, flour, rice and tapioca weighed out to each customer's specific requirements from large sacks standing on the floor. Customers took their own jars and were sold dark treacle from a barrel and vinegar was sold in the same way. Willows was a magnet for the children who saved up their pennies for "locusts" (sweet dried carob beans) at a halfpenny a time and boiled sweets at 1d or 2d a quarter.

Part of the building was a bakery where bread, buns and plum bread were produced and local children also enjoyed watching over the split door as the bread was taken from the oven, bread which, still warm, was taken round Billinghay in baskets by roundsmen.

BILLINGHAY HISTORY GROUP

THE TALK IN FEBRUARY WAS BY A LOCAL SPEAKER, PETER MARTIN, WHO PRESENTED A TALK TITLED "AN ADVENTURE INTO THE UNKNOWN" BASED ON HIS OWN LIFE EXPERIENCES AS A CHILD BROUGHT UP IN AFRICA.

IN MARCH, JOHN DALE GAVE US AN EXCELLENT TALK ABOUT INTERESTING SLEAFORDIANS. IT WAS AMAZING WHAT WE DIDN'T KNOW SO MANY FAMOUS PEOPLE WERE FROM THE AREA. THE OLDER ONES AMONGST US DID REMEMBER THE CARAVELLES SINGING THEIR ONE HIT "YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE A BABY TO CRY"

IN APRIL, WE HAVE A TALK BY THE POPULAR CHRIS HEWIS FROM SAXILBY WHICH WILL BE DETAILING THE HISTORY BEHIND POPULAR WEDDING CUSTOMS AND NURSERY RHYMES. WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO DISCOVERING SOME INTERESTING FACTS. IN MAY, TOM LANE RETURNS WITH HIS MUSICALLY ACCOMPANIED HISTORIES. NO DOUBT THERE WILL BE THE USUAL SAUSAGE SONGE WITH THE ASSOCIATED REFRESHMENTS.

IN THE LAST ISSUE WE REMEMBERED ONE OF OUR FOUNDER MEMBERS, ALAN MARSHALL. ALAN HAD STARTED TO PUT TOGETHER SOME RESEARCH RELATING TO THE BILLINGHAY STEAM MILL WHICH WAS LOCATED DOWN SKIRTH ROAD. WITH THE HELP OF A LOCAL HISTORY RESEARCHER HIS DAUGHTER NICOLA, HAS COMPLETED THE FULL STORY AND AT OUR LAST MEETING SHE PRESENTED THESE TO THE CHAIR OF THE PARISH COUNCIL FOR THE ARCHIVES. (SEE PICTURE BELOW)



HUDSON FITNESS GYM

10-12 Queen Street, Billingham LN4 4AX

NEW OPENING HOURS!

MONDAY - FRIDAY
6AM-9:30PM

JOIN NOW!

WEEKENDS
6AM-3PM

MEMBERSHIP OPTIONS

Full Access (includes classes) £24 a month	Gym Only £15 a month	Junior (14-16yr olds with a paying guardian/parent) £12 a month
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FOB NEEDED TO ACCESS THE GYM (£10 DEPOSIT)
CONTACT EMMA VIA EMAIL OR FACEBOOK TO SORT THIS

**GYM SLOTS ARE BOOKED VIA THE WEBSITE BUT
UNAVAILABLE WHEN CLASSES ARE ON**



HUDSON FITNESS

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LOCAL POLICE NEWS

SLEAFORD RURAL NORTH

Top reported crimes (January 2024)

Violence and Sexual Offences	19
Anti-social behaviour	3
Shoplifting	3
Other Theft	3

Priority

Anti-social behaviour in Heckington and Ruskington. This has been set, based on an increase in calls about young people being disorderly.

Local Team:

Rachel Blackwell - Inspector	Stuart Mumby-Croft - Sergeant
Martin Derbyshire - Constable	Colin Ironmonger - PCSO

The statistics detailed below were extracted from the local policing website

Crime levels overview over the 12 months ending July 2023

Feb 2023	65	10.2%
Mar 2023	56	8.8%
Apr 2023	0	12.3%
May 2023	40	6.3%
June 2023	37	5.8%
July 2023	62	9.8%
Aug 2023	75	11.8%
Sept 2023	53	8.3%
Oct 2023	49	7.7%
Nov 2023	44	6.9%
Dec 2023	41	6.5%
Jan 2024	35	5.5%

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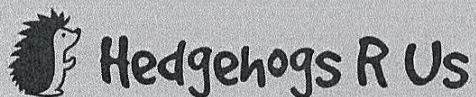


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Firstly, thank you for taking the time to read this letter!
I am writing to all Councils, Parishes, Towns and Wards in the UK to ask them to take part in this amazing project!

Hedgehogs R Us Highway Project

With Hedgehog numbers in decline and Hedgehog awareness on the rise, there has never been a better time to get involved in Hedgehog conservation.

A Hedgehog Highway is a 5 inch gap in a fence and is essential in the battle to prevent the extinction of our endangered spiky friends. This gap allows them access to forage for food and meet mates.

Hedgehog shaped fence surrounds raise awareness to the plight of Hedgehogs, create a talking point and encourage others to take part in the project. Fence surrounds are made from recycled plastic and can themselves be recycled.

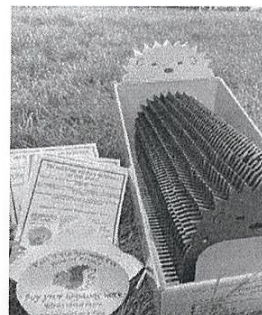
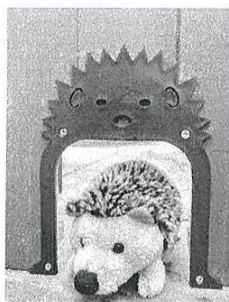
I am asking for each area of the UK to use a small portion of their assigned funds to purchase a box of hedgehog highway surrounds and make them available for their residents.

Each box of 50 is £150 and includes:

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- * A display box & window sticker showing you are part of the project.

Ideas of how to benefit your community include:

- * Donate the Highways and leaflets to your local school to educate in wildlife conservation
- * Swap the Highways for a donation of Hedgehog food which can then be given to your local Hedgehog Rescue Centre



The project will be receiving a lot of publicity in the coming months via Social Media and I really hope that you choose to take part.

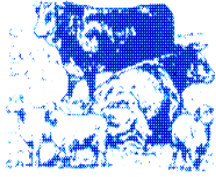
My dream is to make the whole of the UK one giant Hedgehog Highway and for that dream to come true, it needs EVERYONE to take part.

Money is donated to Hedgehog Conservation for every box sold too!

If you would like to order or have any questions please do not hesitate to get in touch and thank you for caring.

Linda Cook, Founder of Hedgehogs R Us

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Billinghay CEP School Billinghay Tuesday Club Bowls Club British Legion	Wednesdays 5.30 to 7.00pm Dawn Tulley 834324 Fen Road 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday 869248 or 869271 Bookings Pre-school Mon-Fri 9.00am to 3.00pm Billinghay CofE School 07799 091281 Tuesdays (every 4 weeks) 2-5pm Shirley 860732 Wednesdays 6.45pm Contact Emma 07557354981 Fortnightly at 7.45 to 9.00pm (during term time) Contact Richard on 07717392628 or email richard@billinghaybaptistchapel.co.uk Thursdays 6.00pm to 8.00pm Walcott Village Hall Bookings Sally Robinson 860930 Caretaker 860682 Schoolroom available with kitchen facilities £20 for 3 hours Sundays 10.30am Val 860614, 3rd Thursday of month 7.30pm at the Ship Kylie Cozens History Group The Ship Inn (as advertised) Lou Hird 869086 Tuesdays (Term Time) 5.30pm to 6.30pm Emma 07939 830742 billinghay.rainbows@gmail.com 1st/2nd Sundays 9.30am Morning Prayer 3rd Sunday 9.30am Communion 4th Sunday 11.00am Said Communion 5th Sunday United Service - please ring to check place of worship. Church open from 9.00am to 3.00pm weekdays Contact: Sandra Tomley 01526 861797 Contact Tina or Mick on 860069 or brommell@hotmail.com First Tuesday every month 7.30pm Community Rooms Chairman John Toulson 01526 860262 Secretary Megan Clark (meganclark@hotmail.co.uk) . Bookings June Davies 861652 Office Hours 10.00am to 4.00pm Monday to Thursday and 10.00am to 1.00pm Friday Tel 01507 609535 (also 24hr Emergency) Every Friday at 6.00 to 7.30pm during term time Contact Richard on 07717392628 or email richard@billinghaybaptistchapel.co.uk
Brownies (2nd Billingham) Children's Centre Community Rooms Daisy Chain	
Darby & Joan Girl Guides	
Lighthouse Youth Club	
Line Dancing Methodist Church	
Methodist Church Night Owls Book Club Past Times	
Rainbows (Girls 5 to 7)	
St Michael's and All Angels Church	
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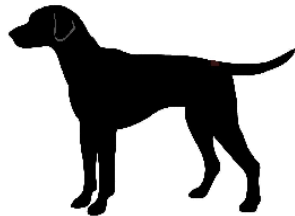
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28 May 2024	2.00pm to 5.00pm	Community Rooms	Meeting
25 June 2024	2.00pm to 5.00pm	Community Rooms	Meeting
23 July 2024	2.00pm to 5.00pm	Community Rooms	Meeting
20 August 2024	2.00pm to 5.00pm	Community Rooms	Meeting

Outings

14 May 2024	Half day Mystery Tour.
11 June 2024	Baytree Nursery
9 July 2024	Mablethorpe & Carvery

Anyone wishing to join meetings or Outings, please contact Shirley on 01526 860732 or 07903008308 (Mobile)

DARBY AND JOAN JUMBLE SALE

A huge thank you to everyone who came and supported our Darby and Joan Jumble Sale. Also thank you to:

- every one who helped on the day, very much appreciated.
- Every one who donated raffle prizes. And took part in the Tombola etc.

We had a brilliant morning taking the sum of £700.

BILLINGHAY TUESDAY CLUB

Tuesday Club activities for the coming months are as below::

7 May 2024	Hardy Perennials	- Christine Casey
4 June 2024	30 years of the Lincolnshire Air Ambulance	
2 July 2024	My Life as a Film Extra	- Sophie Cawdron

BILLINGHAY METHODIST CHURCH

The Coffee Mornings will continue in 2024 and will be held on the undernoted dates:

May 21st. July 16th, September 17th

Also the **Book and Jigsaw Library** continues to open on the second Tuesday of the month between 2.00 and 3.30 pm.

Please call in to browse, borrow or just for a chat and a cuppa.



BILLINGHAY & DISTRICT TWINNING ASSOCIATION



The dates for our visit to France in 2024 have been finalised and the Coach party will be departing on Saturday 25 May reaching Ballon St Mars on the next day. They will return to England on 30 May. Our French counterparts have now put together a program of events but we do not yet have the final details. Host families have been arranged for all of our members who are travelling to France by coach or car.

Our popular Annual Wine and Wisdom Quiz in March was very well attended and the two top teams were neck and neck all the way though with the result finally being decided on the last round. There was not such a close contest for the booby prize which was again taken by our serial “winners” of this accolade. They said that they did not have to try hard to repeat their previous successes.

A sum of over £500 was raised to help fund the cost and full details of the trip will appear in the next issue.

REGULAR MEETINGS

The dates and start times for each such Group are given below:

B.A.D.ASS	Thursdays	7.00pm Ship or Village Hall Phone Kate 07799617674 for info
Bingo	Monday	1.30pm The Whyche
Bowls (Indoor)	Monday	2.00 to 4.00pm Village Hall
British Legion	1st Wednesday every 2 months	Ship Inn 7.30pm
Brownies	Wednesdays	5.30 to 7.00pm
Car Boot Sale	Sunday am	Coach & Horses Field
Community Connections Cafe	Look for announcements	Methodist Church Hall
Girl Guides	Wednesday	6.45 to 8.30pm
Keep Fit	Tuesdays	6.30 to 7.30pm
Lighthouse Club (Secondary School Children)	Alternate Fridays during term time	7.45 to 9.00pm
Market & Car Boot Sale	Sunday	From 6.30am Coach & Horses
Methodist Lending Library	2nd Tuesday of each month	2.00 to 3.30pm
Night Owls Book Club	3rd Thursday	7.30pm
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21st	18th	16th	15th	12th	11th

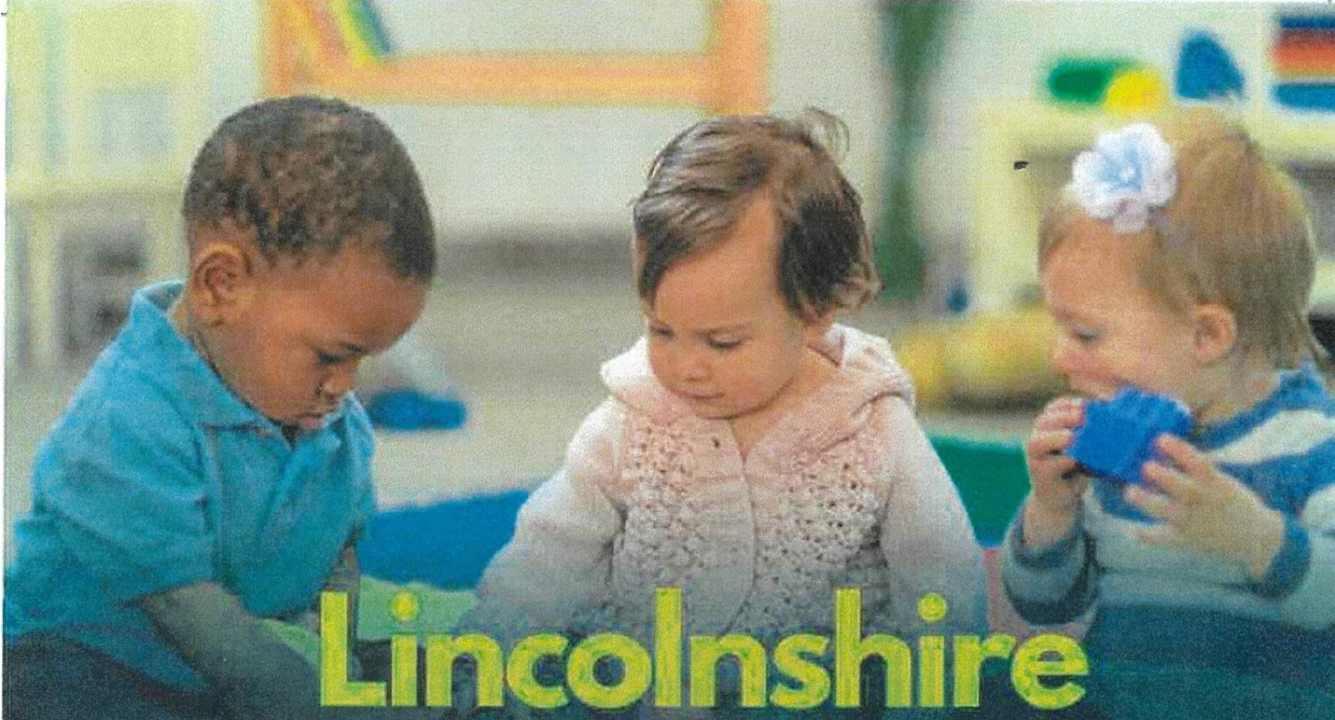
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The mobile library stops at the following places:

Community	Stop	Arrive	Depart
Billinghay	Library Site High St Page's Yard	13.15	14.45
Billinghay	Spa Shop Walcott Rd Barry's	15.00	16.00

Every effort is made to ensure the mobile library arrives at each stop on time.

For the latest news on this route, enquiries or renewals please contact the Customer Service Centre on 01522 782010



Lincolnshire Children's Centre

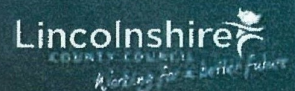
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How to use the children centres' directories

Find a children centre

Go to www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/childrenscentres

To find a particular children centre use the search box and enter the name of the centre in the Keywords field. There is no need to enter the post code.

Each record has contact and location information and an outline of the services. There are links from the records to:

- the centre's Facebook page
- the form to join the centre
- the current timetable directory

Timetable directories

The timetable directory will change according to the school year. We have timetable directories for:

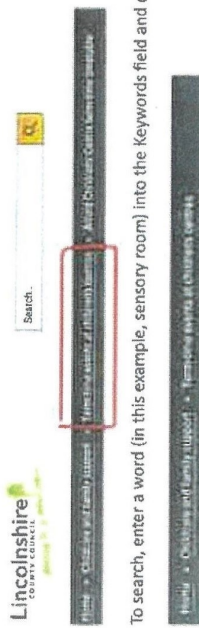
- term-time
- half-term
- the three main holidays - Easter, Summer and Christmas

Searching in a timetable directory

You can use the search page to look for:

- the name of any children centre to see what events they are holding
- the name of any session or activity, wherever it is being held

To find the search once you are on a children's centre page, click the previous link (as highlighted) in the black crumb trail at the top of the screen:



To search, enter a word (in this example, sensory room) into the keywords field and click Search.

Term-time events at children's centres

Search for your local children's centre or enter a keyword for an activity.

Search the directory

Keywords *(required)*

sensory room



You will then see a clickable list of children centres where the word is mentioned.



When you have clicked on a children's centre, to quickly find the same word on the page press Ctrl F and enter the word into the search bar. It will then be highlighted on the page.

The Saturday timetable is the same for all children centres. Families may decide to visit another location at weekends, so all sessions are shown without needing to search.

How to print

To print a timetable, use your browser. Please be aware that printed timetables can soon become out of date as the directory may be updated at any time.

Look in the top right corner of your screen:

- for Microsoft Edge users select 
- for Google Chrome users select 

You should then see the option to Print.

How to translate

Scroll to the bottom of any page and select 'Translation'. You will then go to a page where you can select the language. Once you have chosen the language you will be on the county council home page.

Do not use the search bar as that will cancel the translation. To see the directories, scroll down and select 'Childcare and family support', then the second yellow button, 'Find a children's centre'.

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2.	What HS is something airtight?	
3.	What FK is a switchblade?	
4.	What CR played the Joker?	
5.	What LW starred Mel Gibson and Danny Glover?	
6.	What FAAF is someone in great physical health?	
7.	What BA is the tail-less monkey found on Gibraltar?	
8.	What RJ was co-founder of the SDP?	
9.	What OU won the 1996 Littlewoods Cup?	
10.	What EP is now Bangladesh?	

Answers to last issue's quiz

1.	Streetcar	2.	Star
3.	Dog Star	4.	Spanish Civil War
5.	Amritsar	6.	Pulsar
7.	Sitar	8.	Scar
9.	Montelimar	10.	Qatar

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Planning for the future is an essential aspect of responsible financial management, especially when it comes to safeguarding the well-being of your loved ones. One crucial tool for securing your family's financial future is through life assurance. However, what many individuals overlook is the importance of structuring this policy under a trust. This article delves into the reasons why writing a life assurance policy under trust can be a prudent decision.

Protecting Your Loved Ones

Life assurance provides a financial safety net for your family in the event of your untimely demise. By placing the policy under trust, you ensure that the proceeds are protected and managed according to your wishes. This protection is particularly vital if you have minor children or dependents who may not be equipped to handle large sums of money independently.

Avoiding Probate Delays

Assets that pass through a Will often go through probate, a legal process that can be time-consuming and expensive. By placing your life assurance policy under trust, you bypass probate entirely. This means that your loved ones can access the funds more quickly, allowing them to cover immediate expenses without unnecessary delays.

Controlling Distribution

One of the significant advantages of a trust is the ability to dictate how and when the funds are distributed to your beneficiaries. You can specify conditions that must be met before distributions are made, such as reaching a certain age or achieving specific milestones. This level of control ensures that your assets are managed responsibly and utilized according to your wishes.

Mitigating Estate Taxes

Depending on the value of your estate, it may be subject to estate taxes upon your death. Placing your life assurance policy under trust can help mitigate these tax liabilities by removing the policy proceeds from your taxable estate. This strategy can help preserve more of your wealth for your beneficiaries, rather than seeing it diminished by taxes.

In conclusion, while obtaining a life assurance policy is a crucial step in planning for the future, structuring it under a trust offers additional benefits that can enhance the protection of your assets. You can then ensure that your loved ones are well cared for and that your legacy is preserved according to your wishes. We have now launched a series of videos which show how straightforward it can be and the value of getting the right life assurance in place. If you would like to view our boxset, please follow this link: <https://www.moneyalive.io/forms/65c0aea38a2b>

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