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CHRISTMAS TREE BLESSING AND ILLUMINATION

This much anticipated event will take place on:

Wednesday, 3 December 2025 Market Place 6.30pm

The tree will be blessed by the Reverend Helen Eke and Santa will be there (minus reindeer) to turn on the lights.

Full details will be posted on the Parish Noticeboards in due course, but it is anticipated that the children will sing along with the Billinger Ruffs. BADAss will also be there to entertain everyone and, finally we move to the Ship Inn for refreshments.

We would also mention that there is a raffle for a large Christmas Hamper and tickets will be available from Shapes Hairdressers on the night



PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Where: Methodist Chapel When: 1st Monday of month (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: Andy Catlett Vice Chair: Steve Cottrell

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Billinghay Parish Council

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.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

WALCOTT ROAD CEMETERY

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE CEMETERY WILL BE CLOSED ON THURSDAY 20 NOVEMBER AND FRIDAY 21 NOVEMBER DUE TO RESURFACING WORK ON THE CEMETERY ROADWAY



WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

On Sunday 9th November 2025 at 11:00 am the Billinghay Branch of the Royal British Legion will lead a ceremony of remembrance at the Billinghay War Memorial. The parade will be a static parade and take the traditional format.

Members of the public attending are requested to assemble by 10:50 am. The roads will not be closed so please ensure you are stood on the pavements.

Members of the static parade are requested to assemble in the Ship Inn car park at 1030 am, where wreaths will be handed out to those who have not already received them.

The ceremony itself will commence at approx 1055 am. Immediately following the ceremony, a service of remembrance will be held in St Michaels Church.

Your support will be greatly appreciated.



CHRISTMAS AT ST. MICHAEL'S AND ALL ANGELS

Please come and join us at St. Michael's and All Angels over the Christmas period.

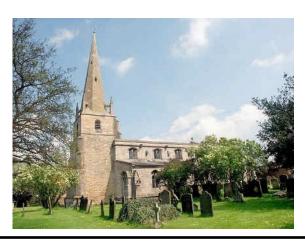
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As we settle into the new school year, our thoughts are already turning to the festive season. We're excited to announce that the whole school will be heading to the Lincoln Theatre Royal in December to enjoy a pantomime - a highlight we're all looking forward to!

We recently celebrated Lincolnshire Day with a range of hands-on activities. A big thank you to Simon Glassup for bringing a tractor and some sheep into school - the children absolutely loved meeting them! We were also delighted to welcome Heckington Windmill, who shared the fascinating history of windmills in Lincolnshire and explained how wind power is used to produce flour from corn. They kindly provided us with some of their flour so the children could have a go at making their own bread — a wonderful and memorable learning experience.



Our Y6 Typhoon class enjoyed a fantastic visit to the Lincolnshire Showground for Construction Day, where they explored careers and skills related to the construction industry.

Thank you to everyone who kindly donated food for our Harvest Festival. Your generous contributions will be delivered to the Sleaford New Life Food Bank, supporting families in need in our local community.

Meanwhile, our Reception Red Arrow class took part in lovely Harvest-themed activities with children from Daisy Chain Nursery, building new friendships and learning about the season together.

Do you have a child eligible to start school in September 2026?

We warmly invite prospective parents and carers to come and visit us at our Open Day on Wednesday 6th November.

This is a fantastic opportunity to:

Explore our vibrant Early Years indoor and outdoor learning environments.

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Reception admissions open on 17th November 2025 and close on 15th January 2026 through Lincolnshire County Council School Admissions. To arrange a tour of our school, or find out more, please contact the school office on 01526 860786.

I would like to thank everyone for their ongoing support - it is truly appreciated. We look forward to building on our successes as we continue to make this school year a positive and rewarding one for all our pupils.

With best wishes, Mr R Allen, Headteacher.





VJ DAY 15th AUGUST 2025

15TH August 2025 marked the 80th anniversary of Victory over Japan Day, effectively commemorating the end of the Second World War. As the fighting ended in Europe in May 1945, Allied troops in the east were still engaged in fierce warfare. The 14th Army, the principal British fighting force in the east, was an extraordinary army composed of troops from South Asia, Africa and British, Burmese and Gurkha units. Some 85% were from pre-partition India. By 1945 the British Indian Army was the largest volunteer force in history, made up of 2.5 million men and women. The War claimed the lives of 87,000 of these volunteers.



In the Pacific, Australian forces faced fierce resistance on Borneo, and US forces fought to take the strategically important islands of Iwo Jima and Okinawa; battles which were marked by appalling levels of casualties. On 6th August, the United States dropped the first atomic bomb over Hiroshima. Two days later, the Soviet Union declared war on Japan followed by a huge attack on



9th August. That day also saw the dropping of the second atomic bomb – over Nagasaki. The number of deaths from the bombs has been estimated as high as 200,000. Recognizing that victory was impossible, the Japanese government finally accepted the Allied surrender terms on 14th August.

Billinghay RBL joined with the St Michaels Coffee Morning to celebrate VJ Day. The celebrations began with a wreath laying ceremony at the War Memorial, coinciding with the national 2-minute silence.

Everyone then retired to the Church Hall where the celebrations commenced, led by 40's entertainment provided by Stephen Taylor. Everyone was in fine voice and it was also good to see so many embracing the 40's dress style.











Following the 40s dress competition, the winner of the day was 'Fag Ash Lil', which many of you will remember was a character created by Larry Grayson. The day culminated with many taking to the dance floor.





A very successful raffle was organised by the Coffee Morning. This raised a whopping £200, which was donated to the Billinghay Branch of the RBL. In turn, the RBL donated £50 of this to Lincoln University as a donation for the outstanding restoration of the large Roll of Honour, which is now rehanging in St Michaels Church. The work carried out by the students was long and painstaking. Everyone is encouraged to visit the church and see the Roll of Honour and the display detailing the restoration activity.

Thanks have to go to all involved in the organisation of this very successful event. Once again, the Ship Inn provided an excellent buffet. As with the VE Day celebration, North Kesteven District Council provided a grant which covered the majority of the costs.

Branch Community Support (BCS)

The RBL are extremely grateful for the donation from the raffle. Billinghay branch work hard to ensure that veterans, serving members and dependants of both can turn to the RBL for support in times of need. The branch has 2 BCS volunteers. BCS is a volunteering service which is delivered by RBL members. The programme centres around providing one-to-one social support to those who are lonely, isolated and in need of companionship. A weekly phone call or face-to-face chat can be an amazing way to help someone know that there is a network of people who care about them. The RBL can be contacted on 0808 802 8080, or email info@britishlegion.org.uk, or contact a branch member.

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Fraudsters usually try to make contact with you through four different channels:

- Telephone. Never talk about money on the telephone to unsolicited callers.
- Doorstep sellers and traders. If you're not sure, don't open the door.
- Postal. If it sounds too good to be true, then it usually is.
- Internet. Do not to click on any links from unsolicited emails and move them straight to your "spam" folder (where any malicious links are automatically disabled).

Fraud and Scams Prevention Pack

The Fraud and Scams Prevention Pack has been created to empower communities to identify and report fraud, and prevent themselves from becoming victims of the crime.

With scams becoming ever more sophisticated, it is no longer just the elderly and vulnerable who are getting caught out.



The pack contains information and resources including fraud and scam prevention advice, how to report different types of fraud and guidance on online safety for children.

A free fraud pack can be requested by completely the online form at https://survey.lincolnshirealert.co.uk/Survey/HASH/4F32D2A1240F246C3F3E63F19559AFE6 or going on to the Lincolnshire Police & Crime Commissioner web page and following the links.

A digital version of the pack can be downloaded from the site https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1az7dxmSaioGZ5gUvSkpJpptaoSfUdkyk

Or contact the Parish clerk who can order packs.

Neighbourhood Policing Survey



Please let us (Lincolnshire Police) know the issues you want your Neighbourhood Policing Team to concentrate on.

Help us shape our policing priorities by completing a short survey that will take no more than two minutes: https://forms.office.com/e/4Vj3348uBu

Please share amongst your friends, family and local

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Renew class: Walcott Village Hall, 7-8pm

THURSDAYS

Renew class: Scopwick Village Hall,

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FRIDAYS

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Sun	12-10:30	
Traditional Sunday Lunch	12-2	

We look forward to meeting you!!

Billinghay Village Hall and Playing Field News

We are hoping to put on a Table-Top Sale in the New Year on Saturday, 24th January 2026. This can be clothing, crafting, general items, bric-a-brac etc. Tables will cost £5.00 and set-up will commence from 8.00am. Door will be open from 9.00am to 3.00pm. If you would like a table, please contact Sue on 07848910208

Bingo: A regular bingo night is now up and running on Tuesday evenings. Doors open 6.30pm, Eyes down 7pm. All are welcome.

There is an ornamental cherry tree in front of the village hall in commemoration of Viv Stokes. Viv helped to put on many events in the hall and the tree had been neglected in recent times, but thanks to Damian Durham it has been nicely pruned. Thanks Damian.

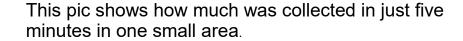
The Good, the bad and the ugly:

The Good: A very big thank you to Billinghay Brownies for their litter pick around the children's play area and playing field on October 1st. Well done to everyone who took part.



The Bad: To the person or persons who think it's amazing to throw their food take-away litter onto the hall car park; two words....GROW UP!

The Ugly: There has been a recent spate of just one or two thoughtless dog owners continuously leaving their dog's poo on the top end of the playing field, and along the footpath between the playing field and Mill Lane. There are several litter bins around those areas so there's no excuse for leaving your dog poo for others to tread in, or worse pass on disease to children or other dogs. People on mobility scooters use the field and footpath. They may be unable to clean their wheels before going indoors.



To those who are responsible for this FOR GOOD-NESS SAKE THINK OF OTHERS. BUY SOME POO BAGS, PICK IT UP AND BIN IT.

BUSES FOR BILLINGHAY

The title may bring a smile to your face! How many of us are fed up that we can't get about more easily using buses?



Billinghay is a large village with over 2500 residents, increasing with new houses being built. However for years it has suffered poor public transport connections with Lincoln and Boston.

True, we can get to Sleaford and Metheringham using the mini buses of Call Connect and PC Coaches, but the joke was always that it would take a day to get to Lincoln or Boston, or further afield.

We have been promised that the problem would be addressed over and over again but still no daily scheduled bus service.

Billinghay Parish Councillors would like your help to make it a priority.

After discussions with County Councillors and e mails to Dame Andrea Jenkyns and to bus companies, we have decided to make your views heard loud and clear.

A new Local Transport Plan is about to be considered and if we can get your signatures on a petition, we hope that it would make a real difference to this cause.

Petitions can be signed at the Parish Council office, the Village Hall and other places around the village. Parish Councillors will also be circulating the Petition for you to sign, so please look out for us around the village over the next few weeks.

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WE HAD AN INTERESTING TALK BY SIMON PAWLEY ON THE HISTORY OF THE CARRE FAMILY WHO HAD SUCH AN EFFECT ON TH DEVELOPMENT OF THE TOWN OF SLEAFORD. THIS PROVED EXTREMELY INFORMATIVE FOR NUMEROUS ATTENDEES WHO HAD ATTENDED THE CARRE'S GRAMMAR SCHOOL IN THEIR YOUTH.

THE SEPTEMBER MEETING CONTINUED THE THEME OF THE HISTORY OF SLEAFORD WITH A TALK BY MARK BAMFORD ON THE HISTORY OF THE BASS MALTINGS WHICH HAD BEEN A MAJOR INDUSTRY FOR THE TOWN IN THE PAST ANOTHER GOOD EVENING AS MOST PEOPLE KNEW ABOUT THE MALTINGS BUT NOT THE FULL STORY.

EVENTS FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE YEAR ARE:

19 NOVEMBER 2025 TOM LANE, LINCOLNSHIRE INNOVATORS AND

NIGEL & TERI EXPLORERS (WITH MUSICAL

ACCOMPANIMENT)

DECEMBER 2025 NO PRESENTATIONS THIS MONTH

OBITUARY Pip Black

We are sad to report that a long time resident of Billinghay has sadly passed.

Pip Black was born in Algarkirk on 19th March 1938 and went to school in Ruskington and Sleaford. He met his wife, Jill, on one of his many trips over to Billinghay on his motorbike and they married in March 1961.

They were married for 64 years, originally living in Anwick. They moved to Billinghay when Pip was offered a job working for Len Scott & Sons haulage company driving a HGV. He worked there for 45 happy years before retiring.

He enjoyed gardening and prior to living down The Whyche, they lived in Princess Square where he had a large bird aviary and bred budgies, canaries and finches.

Pip was sadly diagnosed with Parkinson's in early 2023 and it was in August 2025 that he deteriorated and was admitted to hospital and subsequently transferred to Oakdene Care Home where he passed away peacefully on 17th September 2025.

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Local Team:

Rachel Blackwell - Inspector Stuart Mumby-Croft - Sergeant

Chris Green - Constable

<u>Most Commonly Reported Crimes - July 2025</u>

Anti-social behaviour 21
Other Theft 4
Burglary 6
Violence and Sexual Offences 27

CRIME LEVELS 12 MONTHS ENDING 31/05/2025

MONTH	NUMBER	% OF TOTAL
Aug 24	48	8.00%
Sep 24	56	9.30%
Oct 24	55	9.20%
Nov 24	61	10.20%
Dec 24	47	7.80%
Jan 25	48	8.00%
Feb 25	43	7.20%
Mar 25	43	7.20%
Apr 25	45	7.50%
May 25	58	9.70%
Jun 25	32	5.30%
Jul 25	63	10.50%

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- Youth anti-social behaviour 1 July 2025
- Drug dealing and exploitation of vulnerable people 1 July 2025
- Speeding 1 July 2025

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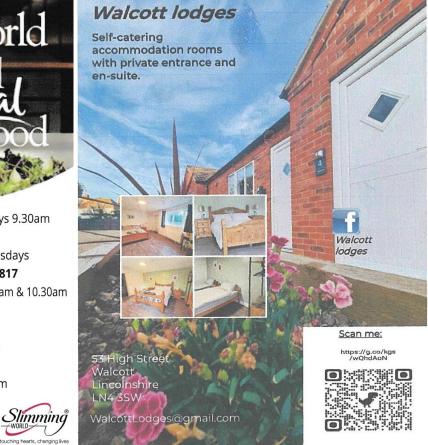
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Bowls (Indoor) Monday 2.00 to 4.00pm Village Hall

1st Wednesday **British Legion** Ship Inn 7.30pm every 2 months Phone Stephen

07766186615 for info.

Wednesdays 5.30 to 7.00pm **Brownies Girl Guides** Wednesday 6.45 to 8.30pm Keep Fit Tuesdays 6.30 to 7.30pm Lighthouse Club (Secondary Alternate Fridays 7.45 to 9.00pm

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(Billinghay Amateur Dramatics Association) Bethel Baptist Chapel

Bethel Baptist Chapel

Billinghay CEP School

Billinghay Tuesday Club Bowls Club (Indoor) Bowls Club (Outdoor)

British Legion

Brownies (2nd Billinghay) 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

Tennis Club Tuesday Club Twinning Association

Village Hall

Voluntary Car Service

YPF Children's Club

Thursdays at the Village Hall or Ship - please call 07799617674 for info. New members always welcome

Sundays 10.30am & 6pm **Tuesdays** 7pm Pastor Richard Hilliard 07717392628

Club 8 to 9am Every School day in School Hall

1st **Tuesday** of the month 7.30pm Pam Lupton 860106

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School 07799 091281

Tuesdays (every 4 weeks) 2-5pm Shirley 860732

Wednesdays 6.45pm

Contact Nicki 07527 176757

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,

4th 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/3rd Sundays 9.30am Holy Communion **4th Sunday** 11.00am Holy Communion

5th Sunday United Service - please see noticeboard near

Church gate to check place of worship.

Contact Tina or Mick on 860069 or brommell@hotmail.com First Tuesday every month 7.30pm Community Rooms

Chairman Tina Toulson 01526 860262

Bookings June Davies 861652

Office Hours 10.00am to 4.00pm Monday to Thursday and 10.00am to

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BILLINGHAY & DISTRICT TWINNING ASSOCIATION



The arrangements for the visit of our French friends between Saturday, 25 October and Wednesday, 29 October are as below:

Saturday 25 October Arrive late afternoon at Page's Yard and unite with host families at the Community Rooms. Evening spent with Hosts.

Sunday 26 October Gala Evening with music at the North Kyme Village Hall. Food and drink provided by Hosts supplemented by items from the Association funds.

Monday 27 October Group day out in Cambridge including:

Punting on the River Cam Visit to the Botanical Gardens Chance to visit Shops & Colleges

Meal at Peterborough

Tuesday 28 October Optional trip to the Springfields Shopping outlet at Spalding. Remainder of day spent with host families.

Wednesday 29 October Morning departure from Page's Yard

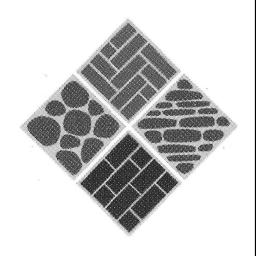
We are currently planning another of our successful Countdown evenings where we share the proceeds with a local organisation. This will be on the 6 December 2025. Let Tina Toulson know if you wish to enter a team.

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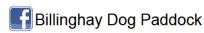
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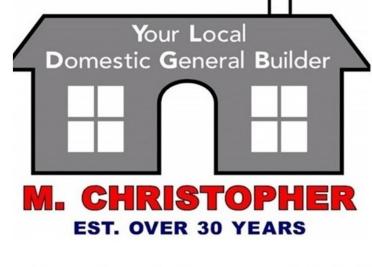
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DARBY AND JOAN CLUB

Forthcoming meetings:

11 November 2025 2.00 - 5.00pm

9 December 2025 12.00 Xmas Lunch

Outings:

25 November 2025 9.00am Kings Lynn Xmas Shopping

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

BILLINGHAY TUESDAY CLUB

Meetings are held in the Church Rooms, Billinghay - 7.30pm start

Forthcoming Meetings:

4 November 2025 AGM

Mee Blueberries - Our Journey So Far - Emily & Zoe

Mee

2 December 2025 Bretherton Handbell Ringers

BILLINGHAY METHODIST CHURCH

Coffee Mornings

7 October 2025

Book & Jigsaw Library - Second Monday each month

2.00 to 3.30pm

Chat & Craft - Fourth Monday each month

2.00 to 3.30pm

BILLINGHAY METHODIST CHURCH

POPPY POP-IN



at

Billinghay Methodist Church

on

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The timetable below shows when the mobile library will be in your area from

April 25 - March 26

Monday Route 2 & 4 (Rural North)

April	Мау	June	July	August	September
7th	-	2nd 30th	28th	-	22nd
October	November	December	January	February	March
20th	17th	15th	Not yet known	Not yet known	Not yet known

*Sorry no service on Bank Holidays

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 Premier Stores	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







Billinghay Children's Centre

AM/ PM	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Α	Little Explorers 0 to 5 years 10am -11am	Pop in and Play 0 to 5 years 9.30am – 11am	Pop in and Play Under 1s Under 1s 9.30am – 11am Breast Start from Pregnancy and Breastleeding 11.15am – 12.30pm Held at Sleaford CC	Pop in and Play 0 to 5 years 9.30am – 11am Breast Start from Pregnancy and BreastGeding 9.30am – 10.45am This takes place the first and third Thursday of the month	Moving On Up! 0 to 5 years 10am – 11am	
PM	Recovery College – 5 Ways to Wellbeing 1pm – 3pm Visit www.lpft.nhs.uk/recoverycollege for course deteils & online registration. Held at Sleaford CC	Early Explorers Under 1s 1.30pm-2.30pm *NO SESSION 3® JUIVE	Pop in and Play Under 2s 1.30pm – 3pm	Top Tips for Babies 3 to 4 months 10am-11am 19 June & 31 July Held at Sleaford CC Parent Carer Forums 11.30am — 1pm 26 June only Held at Sleaford CC		

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THE LATEST QUIZ

What are the well known phrases or sayings represented by these initial letters? For Example – L B you L = Look Before You Leap

NO QUESTION ANSWER

- B is T T W 1.
- BLTN 2.
- 3. BCBC
- L B be B 4.
- It N R B it pours 5.
- 6. GMTA
- 7. H T and G T
- 8. PMP
- WNWN9.
- 10. TH are BTO

Answers to last issue's quiz

- **Brut** 1.
- 3. Audi
- **Muller Yogurt** 5.
- 7. Zanussi

- 2. **Phyllosan**
- 4.
- Toyota 6.
- 8. **Britvic J20**





Just One More Final Financial Thing

Hopefully, if you are employed, you are all fortunate enough to get an annual pay review. In recent times many have received inflation linked pay increases. Of course, when prices are rising like they have, the increases hopefully cushion the blow of rising fuel, food and general household expenses.

So I acknowledge that this tip is not always possible but, if you can, each month save half of your salary increase and spend half. As an example, if you receive a £40 a month pay rise, save an extra £20 and spend £20 each month. If you do this every year you will gradually increase your regular savings and will find you have build up a sizeable emergency fund or nest egg for the future. If you can add this to an ISA or pension, you will also benefit from the tax relief.

We have already talked in our series about being organised. Knowing where to find information saves time and helps you to plan, but we have to also be prepared for something unexpected. We are all very private when it comes to our finances, but it is sensible to let someone else know where you store important information. We have a few clients who keep a 'death journal', one place where details of all those little details are kept safely, just in case.

We are also regularly told not to share passwords etc, but if that means that no one knows how to log in to your emails or internet banking then this can cause a lot of distress at a time when those close to us are already dealing with a lot. Of course, we should all keep information as safe and secure as possible, but if we just let one person that we trust know what to do, should something happen, then this is invaluable.

And the final tip in this series is to bring all of these tips together to understand what the future might look like. I appreciate this is not easy as there are so many eventualities and variables. We use financial forecasting to try and understand what the future could look like, with a disclaimer that things change and it could be wrong, but it is better than no plan at all.

As an example, many people pay into their workplace pensions but do not actually understand what this means when they stop work. Our retirement can be tied to investment returns without us even realising and we also change jobs more frequently, so the projections received on our pensions don't give the full picture.

You may decide that a simple spreadsheet could be sufficient, with details of your current pensions, monthly contributions and other savings being compounded at a set rate of return to work out how much it could be worth at your anticipated retirement age. You may however decide that a more sophisticated analysis is needed ,with full financial forecasting. Whichever route you choose, it will help guide your future decision making.

It has been a year since we started this series on financial tips. I hope you have found something useful to help you on your financial journey. All the tips can be found on our website and we are hoping to publish this as an eBook soon too.

If you need any support in making decisions we have lots of other resources, including some short videos on different aspects of finance. They are free to access, please do just get in touch if you have something you would like to understand more about. Our goal is to support people through their financial journey and even if you don't need advice at this point, we are happy to provide information where we can to our local community.



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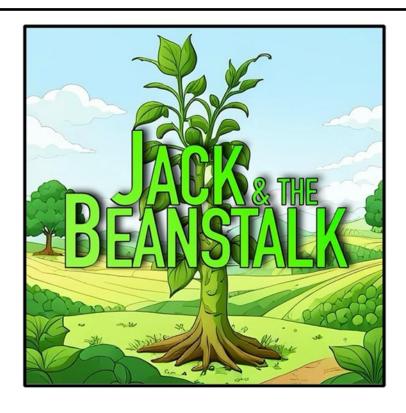
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BILLINGHAY MEDICAL CENTRE NEWS

appropriate option when contacting the practice Each icon now directs your query to the most appropriate team for a faster, We've recently updated our **AskmyGP** system, in line with new NHS England guidance to help patients choose the most more efficient response.

- NHS Self Help Provides advice and guidance to help you manage minor conditions safely from home.
- Admin Request For queries that do not require clinical input, such as requesting letters, medical records or information regarding a referral.
- Medication Question To ask a question about a medication.
 This button IS NOT for ordering repeat prescriptions.
- Sick/Fit Note Request To request a note confirming you are unfit for work.
- Routine Request (Happy to Wait) For Non-urgent problems that can safely wait until the next routinely available or suitable appointment.
- Acute Same Day Request If you have a new or worsening problem or any problems that need attention on the same day.





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The aim of the Charity is for volunteers to form a one-to-one friendship with an elderly person who may be lonely and isolated.

Evergreen Sleaford has been successfully serving not just Sleaford, but the area from Metheringham to Folkingham, Caythorpe to East Heckington, that's a 10-mile radius of Sleaford, for the last 12 years and it's a FREE SERVICE

The people we visit are 70 years and over, living alone and are often unable to leave their home by themselves.

Each friendship is unique and special, so people do different things during their visit. Some have a drink and a chat, others play games such as Scrabble. While others enjoy looking at photographs or sharing their love of craft, music, films or books. Football or railways are also some topics for discussion. In some cases, they go out and visit garden centres or cafes. It doesn't matter what they do if there is enjoyment to be had!

We have lovely feedback from both befriendees and befrienders about their friendships, as it is really enjoyed by both and it is very special.

The number of people needing this service is increasing again and, unfortunately, we do not have enough volunteers to meet the need.

It's such a little thing to ask, but it means so much, so if you have time to give and want to make new friends, please get in touch.

All volunteers are DBS checked and receive training and support from the Evergreen Coordinators.

Contact Details

Telephone: 07707 260822

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Donate or take free paint from our Community RePaint stores at Grantham, Louth, Tattershall and Lincoln Household Recycling Centres. Reusing can save money and helps to protect the environment by preventing thousands of litres of perfectly good paint from going to waste.

How it works

When leftover paint is dropped off at the site it is added to the Community RePaint store. Other residents and community groups can then take any paint they might need for their DIY projects from the store for free – you'll just need to sign for it. If you would like to donate or collect paint, simply speak to a member of staff on site. If you do not like the paint or have an issue with it, please bring the tin back to site on your next visit. We will either put it back into the store for reuse or dispose of it correctly. Please note we cannot quarantee the amount of paint available in the store each day.

Please note we cannot guarantee the amount of paint available in the store each day. Paint for donation or collection

We have a large variety of leftover paint available in different colours and finishes. Most paint is accepted, provided it is still useable and at least half full.

Paint we accept: Emulsion paint, Gloss paint, Eggshell paint, Satin paint, Primers and undercoats, Floor paint, Masonry and exterior paint, Varnish and wood stain and Tile paint.

What we can't accept: Paint thinners such as white spirit, Paintbrush cleaner, Paint stripper, Wood preservatives and treatments, Pesticide products, Specialist and industrial paint, Aerosol and spray paint, Cellulose-based paint and any paint containing lead.

Opening times. Find Community RePaint stores at the Household Waste Recycling Centres at Grantham, Louth, Tattershall and Lincoln. Our stores are open from Friday to Tuesday, 9am to 4pm.

More Community RePaint sites are expected to open at other recycling centres across the county throughout 2025.

Find out more

Community RePaint is a UK wide paint reuse network, sponsored by Dulux. Visit the Community RePaint website for more information.

Reuse Shop

Help stop more items from going to waste! Our Reuse Shop at Tattershall Recycling Centre stocks an amazing selection of pre-loved items at bargain prices.

St Michael's Community Hall, Billinghay



Please come along to our friendly wellbeing coffee morning.





Every Thursday morning 10am - 12:00

We would love you to join us for drinks and chats.

Be great to see you.



EVERYONE IS WELCOME!



