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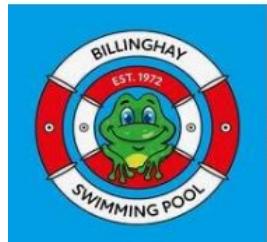


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See Parish Notice Boards for Committee Meetings

## **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**

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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.

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## SPECIAL NOTICES

The Parish Council would like to say thank you to **Joy Bush** for the time she willingly gave to ensure that the Newsletter reached residents in the village. Joy delivered these for numerous years but has now moved out of the village. We are sure that she will still maintain contacts within Billinghay and, hopefully, get a newsletter whilst visiting. Thank you again, Joy.

We would also like to mention **Beryl Gilbert** who passed away on the 12th November 2025. For many years Beryl tended the flowers at the War Memorial initially at her own expense. Thanks to Beryl, the War Memorial was always beautifully decorated for which the Council are extremely grateful



## REMEMBRANCE 2025

The Royal British Legion Lincolnshire 2025 Poppy Appeal was officially launched at the Lincolnshire Aviation Heritage

Centre at East Kirkby on 25<sup>th</sup> October. The event was attended by several members of the Billinghay branch and the branch standard was paraded. It was great to see such a large attendance.



As is the case every year, the support of everyone in Billinghay and surrounding areas over the remembrance period was amazing.



On the 8<sup>th</sup> November the **Billinghay Methodist Chapel** held a coffee morning to raise funds for the RBL. The chapel was festooned with knitted and crocheted poppies that had been handmade by the Craft and chat group



and members of the Chapel, local community and circuit. It was evident that very many hours / days had been spent knitting and crocheting. The coffee morning was very well attended and we are very grateful for the brilliant sum of £240 that was raised for the RBL. Thank you to everyone involved.



As is traditional, a service of remembrance was held at the war memorial on Remembrance Sunday. It was great to see such a turnout of residents coming to show their respects. Thank you to the Ship Inn for ensuring we had somewhere warm to assemble prior to the parade.



The parade was followed by a church service in **St Michaels Church**. Thanks go to Reverend Helen Eke for her continued support for both the remembrance parade and the church service. And thanks go to the congregation for their generous contributions in the service collection.



On the morning of 19<sup>th</sup> November, **Billinghay Primary School** held their remembrance service. It was a pleasure for members of the branch and the branch standard to attend this service and to see the remembrance message being passed on and understood by the next generation.



We also thank the **Walcot Village Hall** for their kind donation of £86 to the RBL. The funds were raised through a community coffee morning held in the village hall on 11<sup>th</sup> November. We appreciate all the effort in organising the event and those who supported it.

The village hall community coffee mornings began in January and that is when the community started knitting, crocheting, and



crafting poppies, with over a 1000 being completed by October. These were used to decorate the Walcott War memorial.

And this year saw, for the first time, the display of street poppies on lampposts throughout the village. Thanks to Billinghay Parish Council for purchasing and installing.

### 2025 Poppy Appeal

The Royal British Legion Billinghay Branch would like to extend its appreciation for the generosity of the residents of

Billinghay, Walcott, North Kyme, Anwick and Ewerby in support of this year's poppy appeal. As is the case every year, there were many organisations and individuals who supported the collection and we are thankful to each and every one of them. Your support is invaluable. Thanks go to (in no particular order):

Barry's Store, Billinghay Co-op, Billinghay Post Office, The Ship Inn, Billinghay Medical Centre, Twells of Billinghay, Shapes Hairdressers, Billinghay Garage, Golden Hay, Willow House, Chip Off the Old block, Billinghay Primary School, Hudson Fitness, The Shepherd's Tap & Crook (Walcott), The Plough (North Kyme), Walcott Primary School, Anwick Store, Anwick Garden Centre, The Finch Hatton (Ewerby) and St Andrews Nursing and Care Home (Ewerby).

And we cannot forget those who spent considerable time collecting house-to-house in the cold and wet (and counting the money):

Ruth Catlett, Zoe Catlett, Dawn and Glenn Studd, Val Fortune, Emma Trofer, Tina Toulson, Karen Smith, Karen and Matthew Frith, Ann Hadgraft, Trina and Wayne Tonge, June Ingrey, Lyndsey Waring and Sandy Townsend.

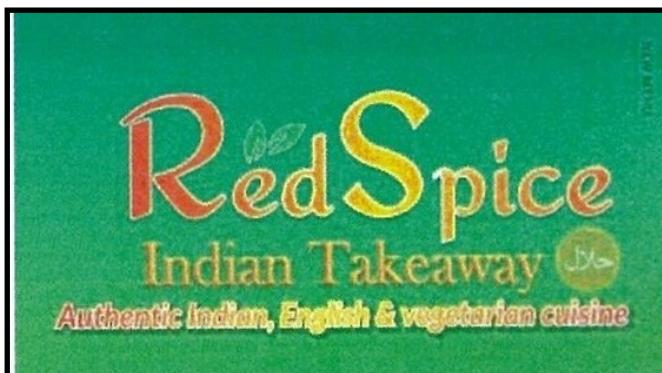
All this effort would have been for nothing without the generosity of all who donated. We are extremely proud to say that this year we raised a grand total of **£4078.50**.



## Thank you for your outstanding support and generosity.

To find out more about how your donation helps, please visit [rbl.org.uk/poppyappeal](https://rbl.org.uk/poppyappeal).

To help us help others, consider joining the RBL. Go to the RBL membership page at <https://www.britishlegion.org.uk/get-involved/membership/become-a-member> and join the Billinghay Branch during the application process. Or contact our Secretary Stephen Taylor at [billinghaydistrict.secretary@rbl.community](mailto:billinghaydistrict.secretary@rbl.community) for more information or assistance.



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## SPEEDING IN BILLINGHAY

Speeding vehicles in Billinghay remains a constant concern. Unfortunately, this is a problem with many villages within Lincolnshire and resources to combat it are limited. To understand the issue in Billinghay an Archer survey was installed on the B1188, High Street, Billinghay by the Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership (LRSP). The calibrated technical data

recording equipment was located on a telegraph pole outside number 119, which commenced on the 12/09/25. It continued for a full seven-day period.

Analysis of the speed data showed that the average speed of vehicles was 25.8 mph in a 30 mph limit. The speed data showed evidence that some vehicles were exceeding the speed limit at a speed that would make the drivers liable to action or prosecution by the Police.

Research was conducted into collisions involving personal injury for the last 3-year period up to a data date of 30/09/2025 and there have been 2 recorded collisions.

Highways engineers within the LRSP assessed the area and no engineering casualty reduction measures were identified.

The Government is committed to ensuring that the process for deploying speed cameras is transparent and that cameras are only used at locations where they can make a demonstrable reduction in speed related casualties. The only form of speed enforcement that the LRSP can carry out is with the use of speed cameras; however, the site selection process has to comply with the criteria set out by the Department for Transport. This criterion includes locations where there is a history of speed related injury collisions supported by evidence of a high degree of non-compliance with the speed limit. In that respect Lincolnshire Police through the LRSP adheres to the site selection criteria set out by the Department for Transport to ensure that the process is completely transparent and that cameras are only used as a casualty reduction measure.

***The results of the survey together with an analysis of the collision data show that the criteria required for either fixed or mobile speed camera enforcement is not met.***

Speed cameras are only one part of Lincolnshire Police Speed Enforcement Strategy and the details of the surveys have been shared with Lincolnshire Police for them to undertake enforcement when resourcing allows of which we have no control over.

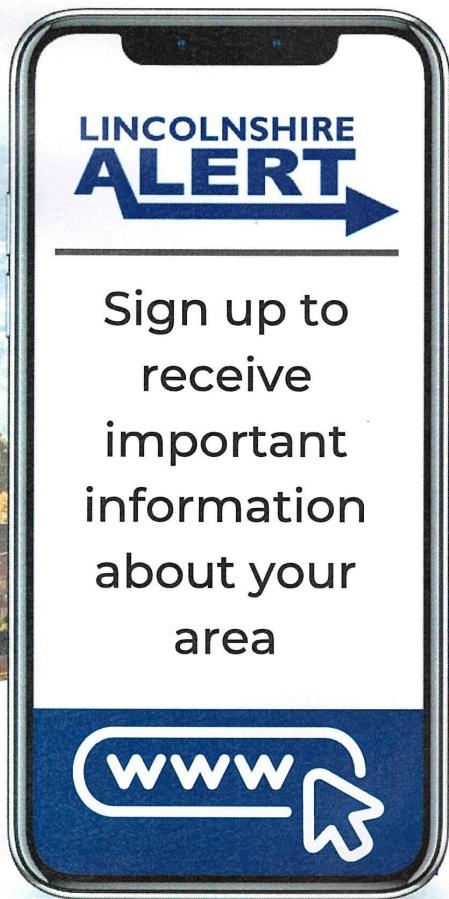
The 85th percentile for driving is a traffic engineering concept used to set speed limits and assess safe driving behaviour. It refers to the speed at or below which 85% of drivers are observed to travel under free-flowing conditions (i.e., no congestion or enforcement influence).

In simpler terms, if you measured the speed of 100 drivers on a road:

- The 85th fastest driver sets the 85th percentile speed.
- 15% of drivers go faster than this, and 85% go this speed or slower.

The 'SAW' refers to those drivers that would fall within the option of receiving a Speed Awareness Course instead of prosecution.

Whilst this was only a short survey, it does correspond to the consistent data obtained from the two SIDs devices located on Walcot Road and High Street.



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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 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 completing 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.

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networks. Every response builds a picture of concerns within the community and evidences what we need to focus on.

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### THURSDAYS

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<i>Sat</i>	<i>3-11</i>	
<i>Food Served</i>	<i>5-8</i>	
<i>Sun</i>	<i>12-10:30</i>	
<i>Traditional Sunday Lunch</i>	<i>12-2</i>	

*We look forward to meeting you!!*



## BILLINGHAY & DISTRICT TWINNING ASSOCIATION



The 39<sup>th</sup> Reunion with our friends from Ballon St Mars was a great success. Although the start was inauspicious due to the late arrival of the French Coach, this in no way detracted from the visit as the evening was spent with the host families.

The Sunday was designated for the Gala Evening at the North Kyme Village Hall but several families took the opportunity to arrange activities during the early part of the day.



The buffet meal went really well (thanks to Maureen and Marjorie with Terry directing traffic!) and everyone was well fettled to participate in the music and dancing.



The obligatory speeches were thankfully short but well received although the Mayor of Ballon was uniquely dressed for the occasion due to his suitcase missing the bus.



Excellent musical support was supplied by Stephen Taylor who played numerous well known songs for everyone to join in. He was joined by Megan Clark for the Abba songs which have become a tradition at our Gala evenings.

The next day featured the main organised trip for the visit when everyone visited Cambridge. The arrangements/logistics for this were well organised by Roy Tarrant (Thanks Roy) and a great time was had by all.

The brave (or foolhardy) enjoyed a punt down the River Cam and, fortunately, all survived. The downside is that there are no photographs available of our intrepid water boatmen. The remainder took refuge in a nearby hostelries or enjoyed a trip round the many shops in Cambridge.

During the afternoon there was a trip to the Botanical Gardens or a continuation of the journey round the retail outlets in town. In spite of the temperature, everyone seemed to have enjoyed the experience. Afterwards, the group re-assembled and moved on to Peterborough for the evening meal..



This was at the Ibrahimi Restaurant which catered for everyone's tastes with food from India, China, Pakistan and Italy available along with some traditional English dishes. This was very well received by both the our members and their French guests.

Tuesday was a recuperation day with families, although there was an optional excursion to the Springfield Shopping Centre (a welcome boost for M&S profits).



In the evening several groups got together at local restaurants/pubs or had an early night in preparation for their departure the next morning.

Overall, it had been a very successful and enjoyable visit and thanks are due to all involved in the planning and organisation - well done.

Central to all the planning has been the fundraising activities organised by the Twinning Association with these being well supported by local residents whether members or not.

In recognition of this fact the Association have always supported local groups with donations made each year to a deserving cause.

With this aim in mind, the Association recently held a Countdown Quiz with teams from various organisations taking part.

The team from the Book Worms eventually won a closely fought contest and very kindly donated their winnings back to the Twinning.

The event was combined with the Association's Annual Christmas Hamper Draw.

At the end of the evening, £300 was donated to the local branch of the Royal British Legion. A photo of the "handover" is shown below:



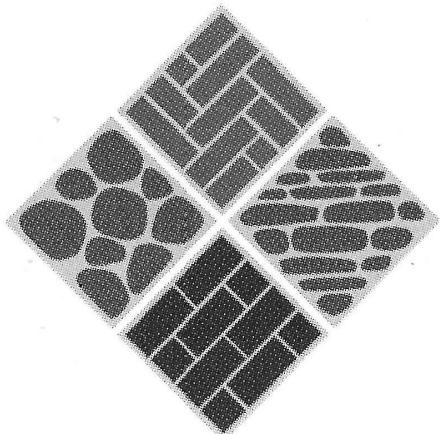
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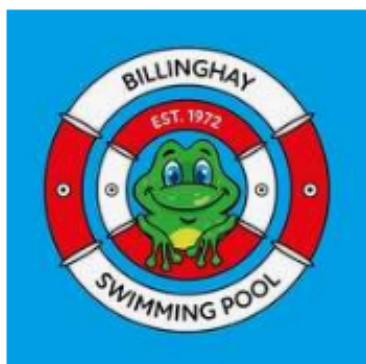
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## BUSES FOR BILLINGHAY



A huge thank you to all those who signed the petition to Lincolnshire County Council to commission a regular scheduled bus service linking Billinghay and the surrounding area to Lincoln and Boston. And thank you to all those individuals and businesses who collected signatures.

On November 6th the following reply was received from the office of the Mayor of Greater Lincolnshire to an e mail sent in May

"Thank you for your message and for raising your concerns about public transport provision in Billinghay. Please accept our apologies for the delay in replying. As the Mayor's office has been newly established, we have been working through a backlog of correspondence and appreciate your patience.

We recognise the challenges faced by residents in Billinghay and similar rural communities, particularly in accessing essential services and opportunities in nearby towns. Your description of limited bus services and the difficulties with onward travel from Martin Moor and Metheringham reflects a wider issue across Greater Lincolnshire. The Mayor is committed to addressing these gaps through the newly formed Transport for Greater Lincolnshire Board, which will be developing a strategic plan to improve connectivity and ensure that rural bus services are reliable, accessible and fit for purpose.

While the Mayor does not control individual bus routes or timetables, we are working closely with Lincolnshire County Council and transport operators to advocate for improvements. We will ensure that Billinghay's situation is considered as part of this process. In the meantime, we would encourage you to share your concerns directly with Lincolnshire County Council's transport team, who can be contacted at [customer services@lincolnshire.gov.uk](mailto:customer_services@lincolnshire.gov.uk). Thank you again for writing."

Please feel free to contact them to make your views known.

I spoke to the Mayor, Dame Andrea Jenkyns on BBC Radio Lincolnshire on November 20th about our public transport challenges in Billinghay and about the petition. As it says in the e mail printed above, new transport group led by her will be devising a new plan to address rural public transport in the near future.

The petition signed by over 500 of you was delivered to County Offices in Lincoln on December 1st, addressed to the Leader of Lincolnshire County Council, Councillor Sean Matthews and to Mike Reed who is Head of Transport. I hope to hear from them soon.

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Jane Ledger  
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## LOCAL POLICE NEWS



## SLEAFORD RURAL NORTH

## **Local Team:**

Rachel Blackwell - Inspector

Stuart Mumby-Croft - Sergeant

Chris Green - Constable

## Most Commonly Reported Crimes - September 2025

<b>Anti-social behaviour</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Criminal Damage &amp; Arson</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Public Order</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Violence and Sexual Offences</b>	<b>27</b>

CRIME LEVELS 12 MONTHS ENDING 31/05/2025

MONTH	NUMBER	% OF TOTAL
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%
Aug 25	53	8.80%
Sep 25	51	8.50%

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- Youth anti-social behaviour 31 October 2025

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