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BILLINGHAY ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

To be held at the Methodist Church, Victoria Street on

MONDAY 11TH MAY 2026
at 6.00pm

Residents will be able to:

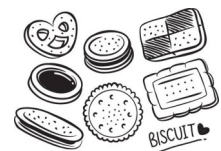
- Meet your councillors
- Report any problems or issues
- Put forward ideas for village improvements



Members of the Billingham & District Swimming will also attend to give a progress report



REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE



Followed by the Annual Meeting of the Billingham Parish Council starting at
7.00pm

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: Andy Catlett

Vice Chair: Steve Cottrell

Parish Clerk: Helen Key

Parish Councillors: Roger Miller, Wendy Liles, Ann Vipond, Jane Ledger, Robert Greetham and Richard Sharratt

District Council Members: Sarah Anne Lawrence, Adrian Whittle

County Council Member: David East

Assistant Clerk & Newsletter Co-Ordinator: Lou Hird

Editor: Billingham Parish Council

Website: <https://billingham.parish.lincolnshire.gov.uk>



Billingham 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 Billingham 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.

VOLUNTEER LITTER PICKERS

Billingham Parish Council would like to thank all those residents who have voluntarily kept certain areas of the village tidy by picking up litter. Whilst our street cleaner does an excellent job, the supplementary efforts of those volunteers makes a difference.

We are grateful for all their efforts.

Thank You

Bin collection days in Billingham 2026 to 2027



BIN COLLECTION DATES 2026/27



North Kesteven
DISTRICT COUNCIL

Check the A-Z recycling guide to see what can go into each bin (www.n-kesteven.gov.uk/recyclingguide)

FRIDAY

Please ensure your bins are out by **6.30am** on collection day

Food Waste	Black Bin		Green Lidded Bin		Purple Bin		
Food waste collected every week with your Black Bin, Green Lidded bin or Purple Bin.	April	3 <small>NO CHANGE</small>			April	10	
	April	17	April	24			
	May	1			May	8	
	May	15	May	22			
	May	29			June	5	
	June	12	June	19			
	June	26			July	3	
	July	10	July	17			
	July	24			July	31	
	August	7	August	14			
	August	21			August	28	
	September	4	September	11			
	September	18			September	25	
	October	2	October	9			
	October	16			October	23	
	October	30	November	6			
	November	13			November	20	
	November	27	December	4			
	December	11			December	18	
	December	24					
				January	2 (SAT)		
		January	8			January	15
		January	22	January	29		
		February	5			February	12
		February	19	February	26		
		March	5			March	12
		March	19	March	26 <small>NO CHANGE</small>		
		April	2			April	9

2026

2027



**GARDEN WASTE
COLLECTION DATES
2026/27**



North Kesteven
DISTRICT COUNCIL

Thank you for joining our garden waste collection service.

Friday - Week 2

Brown wheeled bin - collection dates

March	27	September	25
April	10	October	9
April	24	October	23
May	8	November	6
May	22	November	20
June	5	December	4
June	19		
July	3	January	15
July	17	January	29
July	31	February	12
August	14	February	26
August	28	March	12
September	11		

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

PLEASE NOTE THAT WHEN NKDC SUPPLY THE STICKER FOR THIS SERVICE, THEY WILL INDICATE THE WEEK OF COLLECTION. BILLINGHAY IS MAINLY WEEK 2 (ABOVE) BUT THERE ARE A FEW AREAS IN WEEK 1.

Further election changes

Government is planning further changes to future elections and registration through the 'Representation of the People Bill' which has started its progress through Parliament with the aim of being in place in time for the next General Election.

This will allow 16 and 17-year-olds to vote in all elections. Electoral registration age is also being lowered to 14, so that 16-year-olds can vote even if an election happens on their birthday.

Making voting easier - Expanding the current list of IDs required to be able to vote at polling stations. This might include UK-issued bank cards to be accepted as voter ID.

Improving voter registration - auto-registration is being considered to make it quicker and easier for every eligible voter to get registered.

Putting a stop to harassment - Extra measures to protect political candidates, campaigners and staff who often face abuse.

Stronger regulation - The Electoral Commission (role to oversee elections matters) will get tougher powers to enforce all these rules.

Welfare Service from Revenues and Benefits - could our Service help you?

North Kesteven and Lincoln councils run a shared service handling Council Tax billing, payments discounts and billing and matters relating to benefits payment and eligibility. It's called the LiNK Revenues & Benefits Service and works for both councils, which is why sometimes the email or phone contacts are Lincoln addresses and numbers. If you're struggling to make ends meet financially and debts are proving too difficult to manage, there are all sorts of ways the service can help and offer support, by email, phone or in-person at your home or in a private room at our offices. All free and confidential.

- Help with filling in claim forms and finding any welfare benefits and other grants.
- General money advice to improve your financial situation.
- Guidance on benefits, grants, loans, and discretionary payments.
- Identifying eligibility to schemes such as attendance allowance, pension credit, council tax support.
- Suggested ways to manage money, increase income and reduce expenditure. Contact creditors to negotiate repayments.

To access:

Call: 01522 873382

Email: welfare@lincoln.gov.uk

Website: www.lincoln.gov.uk or www.n-kesteven.gov.uk

Online: fill in the on-line form by scanning the QR code.



Digital Hubs

NKDC run six digital hubs across the district, where residents can receive FREE help using their devices and getting online safely. We recognise that people are increasingly being asked to utilise services online, but we still have lots of residents who aren't able to confidently use the internet.

Trained staff and dedicated volunteers are on hand to offer friendly, welcoming, and non-judgemental support to anyone who would like some digital help. Additionally, the Digital Hubs in partnership with the National Databank, can offer free SIM-cards preloaded with data to those experiencing data poverty. The nearest hubs to Billingham are

Sleaford Digital Hub	Where: Mosaic Youth Hub, Riverside Shopping Centre, Sleaford, NG34 7PD	When: Every Tuesday from 10:30am - 12:00pm
Heckington Digital Hub	Where: Heckington Methodist Church Hall, Church Street, Heckington NG34 9RF	When: Every Wednesday from 1:00pm - 2:30pm
Ruskington Digital Hub	Where: Ruskington Methodist Church, Chapel St, Ruskington, Sleaford NG34 9DX	When: Every Thursday from 10:30am - 12:00pm

Further information can be found on NKDC's Digital Hub Webpage

Funding to Cover Almost Half the Cost of Installing EV Chargers for Households and Businesses Announced

The Department for Transport announced on 25 February that renters, flat owners, homeowners without driveways and businesses will be able to save up to £500 per charge point, thanks to an over 40% increase in charge point government grant funding.

The uplift will cover almost half the cost of a typical charge point installation until March 2027, helping more drivers access cheaper domestic electricity rates at home or work.

The following updates will be introduced from 1 April:

- people living in rented accommodation, flat owners, residential landlords, households with on street parking and businesses will all be able to receive higher grants of up to £500 per charge point, rising from the previous discount of £350.
- schools will be eligible for grants of up to £2,000 per socket, building on 3,700 sockets installed to date

Read more about the grant changes at <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/changes-to-electric-vehicle-chargepoint-grant-schemes-from-1-april-2026>

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Kids Parents and Tots

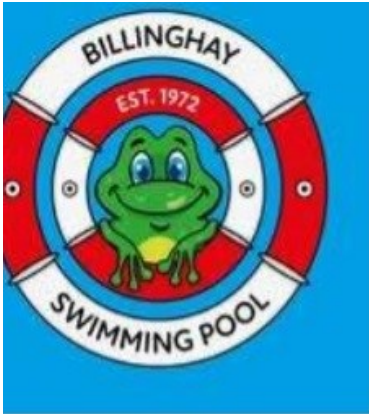


Tuesday (term time) 10.30 -12
North kyme village hall

contact Jackie 07939953850. Ann 01526 861504
or find us on facebook



PIC-COLLAGE



We are back!

2026 is the year for Billinghay swimming pool, after the prospect of never being able to use our beloved community pool, we are now up and running. Massive thanks to our Smalleys, who have not only done an amazing job of repairing, painting and making sure the swimming pool is safe for us all to enjoy but they have also donated money and extra supplies to help make Billinghay pool the best it can be.

So now it's time to dive in to what you've got to look forward to! We are kicking off the season with cold water swims, through to the middle of May, please see our website and Facebook for more information.

Now the bit your really interested in, come the middle of May we will have fully heated pool for you all to enjoy. There is so much on offer for everyone, kids swimming lessons, aqua aerobics, adult sessions and fun sessions for everyone to come and enjoy the pool, in what we hope will be glorious sunshine. Don't forget to get your swimming parties booked as well, message our Facebook page, ping us an email or just come and speak to us and we'll help you get sorted. Can't wait to see you!!

Full details of Opening Times and Charges are detailed on the next page.

Opening Times

	Term Time	School Holidays
Monday	Closed	12:00pm - 2:00pm Bank Holidays Only 2:30pm - 4:30pm Bank Holidays Only
Tuesday	5:00pm - 7:00pm	12:00pm - 2:00pm 2:30pm - 4:30pm
	7:00pm - 8:00pm	5:00pm - 7:00pm 7:00pm - 8:00pm
Wednesday	5:00pm - 7:00pm	12:00pm - 2:00pm 2:30pm - 4:30pm
	7:00pm - 7:45pm	5:00pm - 7:00pm 7:00pm - 7:45pm
Thursday	5:00pm - 7:00pm	12:00pm - 2:00pm 2:30pm - 4:30pm
	7:00pm - 8:00pm	5:00pm - 7:00pm 7:00pm - 8:00pm
Friday	12:00pm - 12:45pm	12:00pm - 12:45pm
	1:00pm - 2:00pm	1:00pm - 2:00pm
	3:30pm - 6:30pm	2:30pm - 4:30pm 5:00pm - 7:00pm
Saturday	12:30pm - 2:30pm	12:30pm - 2:30pm
	3:00pm - 5:00pm	3:00pm - 5:00pm
Sunday	8:30am - 9:30am	8:30am - 9:30am
	12:30pm - 2:30pm	12:30pm - 2:30pm
	3:00pm - 5:00pm	3:00pm - 5:00pm

*Please note the whistle blows 15 minutes prior to the end of the session to allow time to get out and get changed before closing.

Parents & Tots will run when weather permits, keep up to date by following our Facebook page.

- General Swim
- After School Dip
- Adult Swim
- Lane Swim
- Aqua Zumba

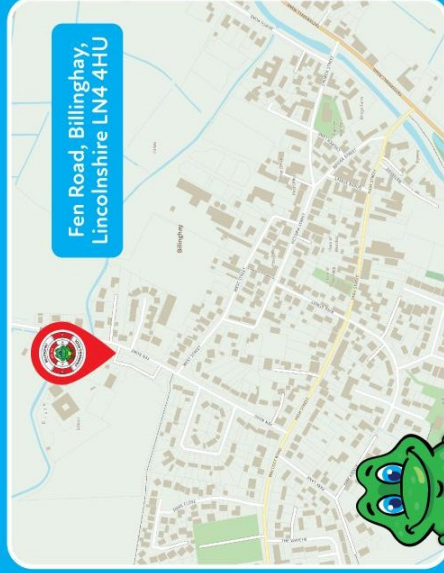
For up to date news of the pool and special events, check out our website and follow us on Facebook.



Billinghay & District Community Swimming Pool is a Registered Charity: n.1012247

How to find us

Nestled conveniently along the A153, Billinghay Swimming Pool is an easy find, situated just 9 miles east of Sleaford and 5 miles west of Coningsby. If you're coming from Metheringham, we're directly accessible via the B1189. Follow the clear signage off Fen Road, right from the A153.



billinghaypool.com
billinghaypool@gmail.com

Billinghay & District Community Outdoor Swimming Pool



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www.billinghaypool.com

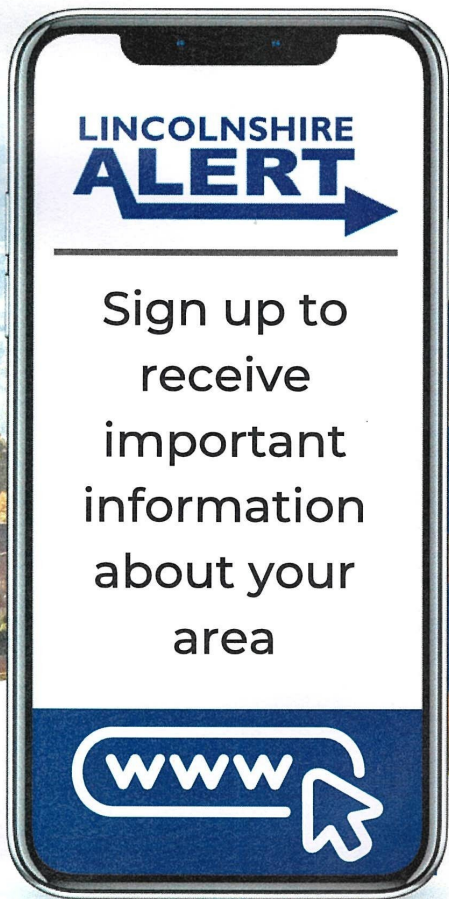
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Frauds and Scams

Fraud (also called scams) is when someone tricks or deceives you to gain something for themselves, usually money, goods, services or property. To find out more about fraud and scams, and take the short online training, visit the [Friends Against Scams](#) website

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 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/1az7dxmSaioGZ5gUvSkpJpptaofSfUdkyk>

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

The survey will remain open all the time so you can share your views with us at anytime.

Thank you - your feedback will be incredibly valuable.



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OBITUARY

It is with great sadness that we report the passing of **Carol Willingham** on 11th April 2026.

As most of the residents of the village are aware Carol was the Parish Clerk until recently for a period of 20 years. During that time, she was a mainstay in the running of the village. She was always available to listen to villagers' concerns and handle these in a friendly and efficient way. Carol was well regarded by residents being a good and kind listener offering sound advice and knowing the people in higher authorities who could assist where necessary.

She was involved in several village projects providing often unnoticed but necessary guidance for these to progress.



Her love of canine companions was well known, and fellow dog walkers will have missed her cheery conversations in recent times as she always had the time to stop and have a chat.

Our thoughts are with her family and friends at this sad time.

The funeral will be on the 15th May 2026 at 12.00 at St Michael's and All Angels Parish Church, Billingham followed by refreshments at the Ship Inn.

At Carol's request, black (mourning clothes) should **NOT** be worn and there should only be family flowers

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TUESDAYS

Renew class: Tattershall Village Hall, 10.15am-11.15am (Tai Chi, Yoga, Pilates-based with relaxation)

Seated exercise: Tattershall Village Hall 2.30-3.30pm

Renew class: Walcott Village Hall, 7-8pm

WEDNESDAYS

Tai Chi & Qi Gong: Heckington Village Hall, 6.15-7.15pm. (No experience necessary)

FRIDAYS

Renew class: Coningsby Community Hall, 10.15-11.15am

Tai Chi & Qi Gong: Coningsby Community Hall, 11.30am-12.30pm. (No experience necessary)

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<i>Tues</i>	<i>Drinks Only</i>	<i>5-11</i>
<i>Wed-Fri</i>	<i>12-3</i>	<i>5-11</i>
<i>Food Served</i>	<i>12-2</i>	<i>5-8</i>
<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!!

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10am- 12pm**

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EMPTY HOMES

Do you have an empty property in your road?



**Are you the owner of a long term empty home?
Do you know someone who has an empty property?
Need assistance to bring it back into use?**

**Contact North Kesteven District Council's Empty Homes Officer
to see if they can assist with bringing the property back to use.**



Call: 01529 414155

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Visit: www.n-kesteven.gov.uk/emptyhomes



North Kesteven
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BILLINGHAY CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL



What an extremely busy spring term we have just had with so many events happening in school.

Our Year 5 and 6 pupils had an amazing residential visit to PGL Dearne Valley, Doncaster. So many wonderful memories were made and fears conquered. We have booked again for 2027. Our Year 3 and 4 pupils had a one night residential at Rand Farm Park. This is always an extremely popular visit and we look forward to next year.

World Book Day saw some super costumes from children and staff and we enjoyed wearing red or comic relief clothing and doing something funny for money for Comic Relief.



Mrs Waller organised an Easter Bonnet competition. There were some super entries and congratulations to the winners. The whole school enjoyed our Easter Church Service at St Michael's Church and our annual Easter Egg Hunt. Our Year 6 Typhoon class had a great day at RAF Metheringham linked to their history topic.

Our Friends of the School organised a design a 'World Book Day Easter Egg Character' competition and a guess the number of eggs in a jar. They also held an Easter Disco on the last day of term before the holidays. Fun was had by all and thank you to the members of FOS.

Thank you to all our school community for their generous donations of chocolate, which went to the Billinghay and District Swimming Pool as prizes for their Easter Bingo, and hampers for their upcoming Barn Dance.

I would like to thank everyone for their ongoing support and we look forward to the summer term.

With best wishes,
Mr R Allen, Headteacher.



We have been asked to include the current bus timetables for Billingham and these are set out below. Please note that these services run from Monday to Saturday - NO SERVICES ON SUNDAY

Sleaford - Cranwell - Billingham - Martin Moor

A bus service operated by PC Coaches

Thursday 26 March 2025

	65	66	66	65
SLEAFORD - BILLINGHAY - MARTIN				
SLEAFORD - CRANWELL - BILLINGHAY - MARTIN MOOR				
Sleaford, adj Yorkshire Trading	09:35	12:05	13:35	
Sleaford, adj Market Place	09:38			
Sleaford, adj Tesco		12:08	13:38	
Holdingham, opp McDonalds		12:12	13:42	
Cranwell RAF, opp West Avenue		12:20	13:50	
Cranwell RAF, adj St Michael & All Angels' Church		12:22	13:52	
Cranwell, adj St Andrew's Church		12:26	13:56	
Leasingham, opp Post Office		12:31	14:01	
Anwick, opp River Lane	09:48	12:38	14:08	
North Kyme, opp The Plough PH	09:53	12:43	14:13	
Billingham, adj Ship Inn		12:47		
Billingham, opp Ship Inn	09:57	14:17		
Walcott, opp St Oswald's Church	10:01	14:21		
Martin Moor, adj West Grove	10:07			
Timberland, adj Penny Farthing PH		14:26		
Martin, adj Wyatt Close		14:29		
Martin Moor, opp West Grove		14:30		
MARTIN - BILLINGHAY - SLEAFORD				
MARTIN MOOR - BILLINGHAY - CRANWELL - SLEAFORD				
Martin Moor, adj West Grove		10:07		65
Martin, opp Wyatt Close		10:08		
Timberland, adj Station Road		10:11		
Martin Moor, opp West Grove			14:30	
Walcott, adj St Oswald's Church		10:16	14:36	
Billingham, adj Ship Inn	08:50	10:20	12:50	14:40
North Kyme, adj The Plough PH	08:54	10:24	12:54	14:44
Anwick, adj River Lane	08:59	10:29	12:59	14:49
Sleaford, opp St Denys Church			15:00	
Leasingham, adj Post Office	09:06	10:36	13:06	
Cranwell, opp St Andrew's Church	09:11	10:41	13:11	
Cranwell RAF, opp The Hive	09:14	10:44	13:14	
Cranwell RAF, adj West Avenue	09:17	10:47	13:17	
Holdingham, adj The Jolly Scotchman PH	09:25	10:55	13:25	
Sleaford, adj Tennyson Avenue	09:29	10:59	13:29	
Sleaford, adj Market Place	09:31	11:01	13:31	
Sleaford, adj Yorkshire Trading	09:33	11:03	13:33	



BILLINGHAY MEDICAL PRACTICE VETERAN CLINICS

Here at Billingham Medical Practice we
have designated clinics to support
veterans.

THE CLINICS ARE:

12th MARCH
30th APRIL
8th MAY
18th JUNE
16th JULY
13th AUGUST
17th SEPTEMBER
15th OCTOBER
13th NOVEMBER
10th DECEMBER

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SLEAFORD RURAL NORTH

Local Team:

Rachel Blackwell - Inspector

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Most Commonly Reported Crimes - January 2026

Anti-social behaviour	12
Criminal Damage & Arson	13
Burglary	4
Violence and Sexual Offences	30

CRIME LEVELS 12 MONTHS ENDING 31/12/2026

MONTH	NUMBER	% OF TOTAL
Feb 25	43	6.9%
Mar 25	43	6.9%
Apr 25	45	7.2%
May 25	58	9.3%
Jun 25	32	5.1%
Jul 25	63	10.1%
Aug 25	53	8.5%
Sep 25	51	8.2%
Oct 25	55	8.8%
Nov 25	53	8.5%
Dec 25	52	8.7%
Jan 26	74	11.4%

Priorities:

- Youth anti-social behaviour 31 October 2025

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