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BILLINGHAY'S OLDEST RESIDENT ?



On the 26th of May 2026 one of Billingham's oldest residents Mrs Marjorie Rear celebrated her 105th birthday.

A wonderful party was held for her along with her many friends at her home York House in Billingham. Marjorie also received a special birthday card from King Charles and Queen Camilla.

Heart of Lincs Newsletter

The Heart of Lincs newsletter is a monthly round-up celebrating what's happening across NK, highlighting upcoming events, things to do and places to explore, local news and updates and interesting features for both residents of NK and visitors to the area.

You can subscribe through the Heart of Lincs website, and it's delivered straight to your inbox around the 1st of every month.

Government response on Council Tax modernisation

On April 15, MHCLG has published the government response to the consultation on modernising and improving the administration of Council Tax.

The government confirmed changes will be made to the administration of bills and vulnerable people will have more time and support to settle their outstanding council tax bills, under reforms to help make the system fairer.

Under the current system, missing one monthly payment can leave people facing financial ruin as they become liable to pay the entire outstanding sum in a single payment just two weeks later.

This will change from next year with households given 63 days, roughly two months, to settle their bill and a requirement for councils to work with them on a sustainable repayment plan. Billing for council tax will also be shifted to 12-month payments by default, rather than the current 10 months, and capping the costs which councils can charge when seeking a liability order – how councils recover overdue bills – to £100. Households who continue to wish to pay over 10 months will be able to do so.

Proportionate action will continue to be taken against those who avoid paying council tax, but these reforms will make sure there is more help and support available for people in genuine hardship.

Great British Summer Savings 2026: Temporary reduced VAT rates. (Source: SLCC)

The government has provided more information on its introduction of a temporary reduced rate of VAT on family leisure activities over the summer period (from 25 June to 1 September 2026), cutting VAT from 20% to 5%.

Great British Summer Savings will be a targeted and temporary scheme to reduce the costs of children's meals in restaurants, children's tickets for theatres and cinemas and tickets for everyone for attractions like soft play, adventure centres, and theme parks.

Check with venues for applicability.

NEW BUS SERVICE FOR BILLINGHAY

B617

YOUR CROSS-LINCOLNSHIRE CONNECTION

A NEW BUS ROUTE FOR BOMBER COUNTY

A New Bus Route for Bomber County!

We are delighted to share that, from 6th July, the brand-new B617 bus service will launch across Lincolnshire, with the support of Lincolnshire County Council and UK government BSIP funding. Taking its name from the legendary 617 Squadron, the route celebrates the area's proud aviation history while creating new connections between communities across Bomber County.

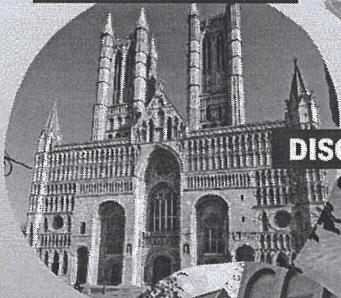
The B617 will provide regular links between Lincoln, Canwick, Branston, Metheringham, Walcott, Billinghay, Tattershall, Coningsby, Woodhall Spa and Horncastle, helping you to visit places around our beautiful historic county.

NEW BUS SERVICE

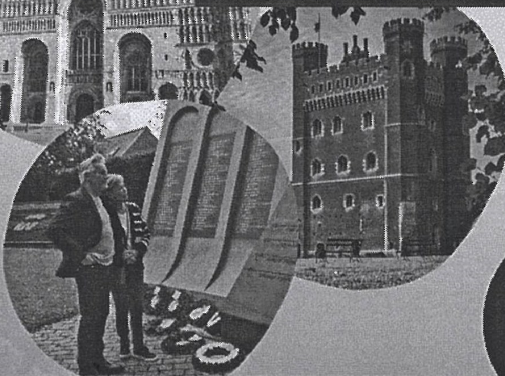
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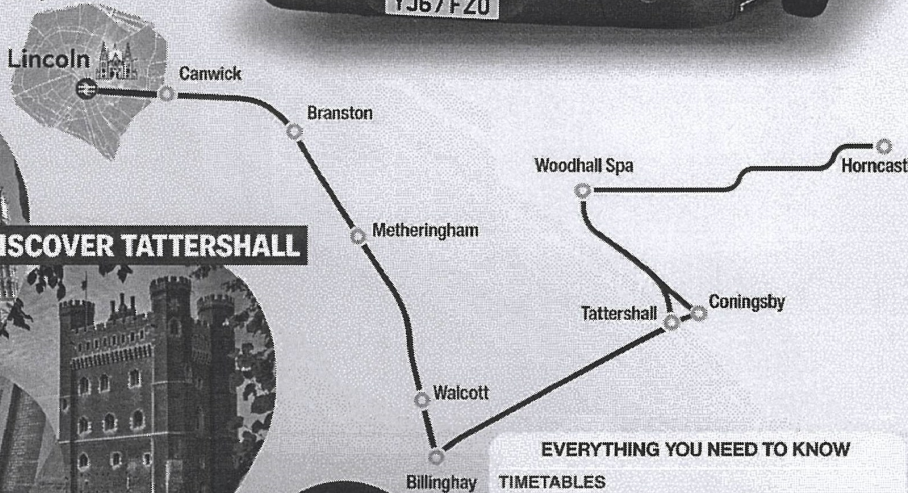
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TIMETABLES

View the full B617 timetable at brylaine.co.uk, lincsbus.com or download the Brylaine App.

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B617 TIMETABLE

Bus B617 - Horncastle - Lincoln Schedule in Woodhall Spa

Central Bus Station – Interchange Shelter

● Timing points ○ All stops

| | | | | |
|---------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Central Bus Station | 09:30 | 10:30 | 12:30 | 16:45 |
| Heighington Road | 09:35 | 10:35 | 12:35 | 16:50 |
| Station Road | 09:40 | 10:40 | 12:40 | 16:55 |
| Railway Station | 09:52 | 10:52 | 12:52 | 17:07 |
| St Oswald's Church | 10:04 | 11:04 | 13:04 | 17:19 |
| Ship Inn | 10:07 | 11:07 | 13:07 | 17:22 |
| Tattershall Lakes | 10:14 | 11:14 | 13:14 | 17:29 |
| Bus Shelter | 10:16 | 11:16 | 13:16 | 17:31 |
| Interchange Shelter | 10:21 | 11:21 | 13:21 | 17:36 |
| Abbey Close | 10:25 | 11:25 | 13:25 | 17:40 |
| Blue Bell PH | 10:27 | 11:27 | 13:27 | 17:42 |
| Woodhall Spa Hotel | 10:32 | 11:32 | 13:32 | 17:47 |
| Sandy Lane | 10:37 | 11:37 | 13:37 | 17:52 |
| Interchange Shelter | 10:47 | 11:47 | 13:47 | 18:02 |

Interchange Shelter – Central Bus Station

● Timing points ○ All stops

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|-----------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Interchange Shelter | 07:50 | 08:50 | 10:50 | 12:50 | 14:50 |
| Sandy Lane | 08:00 | 09:00 | 11:00 | 13:00 | 15:00 |
| Woodhall Spa Hotel | 08:05 | 09:05 | 11:05 | 13:05 | 15:05 |
| The King's Arms PH | 08:11 | — | — | — | — |
| Came Court | 08:15 | — | — | — | — |
| Blue Bell PH | 08:20 | 09:10 | 11:10 | 13:10 | 15:10 |
| Abbey Close | 08:22 | 09:12 | 11:12 | 13:12 | 15:12 |
| Barnes Wallis Academy | 08:23 | — | — | — | — |
| Interchange Shelter | 08:25 | 09:15 | 11:15 | 13:15 | 15:15 |
| Bus Shelter | 08:28 | 09:18 | 11:18 | 13:18 | 15:18 |
| Tattershall Lakes | 08:32 | 09:21 | 11:22 | 13:22 | 15:22 |
| Ship Inn | 08:40 | 09:29 | 11:30 | 13:30 | 15:30 |
| St Oswald's Church | 08:42 | 09:31 | 11:32 | 13:32 | 15:32 |
| Railway Station | 08:55 | 09:44 | 11:45 | 13:45 | 15:45 |
| Station Road | 09:07 | 09:56 | 11:57 | 13:57 | 15:57 |
| Heighington Road | 09:12 | 10:01 | 12:02 | 14:02 | 16:02 |
| Central Bus Station | 09:17 | 10:06 | 12:07 | 14:07 | 16:07 |

Times marked with "—" indicate that the vehicle does not stop at this stop.

B617 NEW BUS ROUTE - FURTHER INFORMATION

We realise that the information on the timetable is somewhat abbreviated and set out below are details of the precise locations for the bus pick up points:

OUTBOUND: Central Bus Station – Interchange Shelter **LINCOLN TO HORNCastle**

Oxford Street - Pelham Street - Canwick Road - Canwick Hill - Lincoln Road - High Street - Sleaford Road - Lincoln Road - Main Road - Lincoln Road - High Street - Station Road - Moor Lane - High Street - Walcott Road - High Street - Sleaford Road - High Street - Silver Street - Thorpe Road - Tattershall Road - The Broadway - Horncastle Road - Langton Hill - Jubilee Way - High Street

INBOUND: Interchange Shelter – Central Bus Station **HORNCastle TO LINCOLN**

High Street - Langton Hill - Horncastle Road - The Broadway - Witham Road - Church Road - Witham Road - Tattershall Road - North Road - Thorpe Road - Butt's Lane - Silver Street - High Street - Sleaford Road - High Street - Walcott Road - Cullen Close - Walcott Road - High Street - Moor Lane - Station Road - High Street - Lincoln Road - Main Road - Lincoln Road - Sleaford Road - High Street - Lincoln Road - Canwick Hill - Canwick Road - Oxford Street



IMPORTANT TRAFFIC INFORMATION

Overnight road closures for major road works in Anwick

The A153 in Anwick will be fully reconstructed with new road markings and verge works will be undertaken to improve drainage and reduce water damage.

Road closures will be in place from 19:00 to 06:00 BST on weekdays throughout the seven-week project, which will start on **13 July**.

To the west of Anwick, just northeast of Flatters House to just west of Greyhound Cottage, the A153 will be closed overnight from **13 July** for three weeks.

To the east of Anwick, just east of Anwick Manor to the farm access connecting to Catchwater Drain, the road will be closed overnight from **3 August** for four weeks.

In addition to the overnight closures, temporary traffic lights will be in operation from 08:00 until 16:00 until late August.

These daytime signals will be in place to the west of Anwick from **27 July** for six days and to the east of Anwick from **17 August** for six days on weekdays only.

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ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Billingham Branch News

On 21st May 2026 the branch led members of the community to mark the 15th anniversary of the end of Operation Telic. This was followed by refreshments and a sing-along at the St Michaels Community Hall. Our thanks go to everyone involved in the organisation of this event.

The Veterans Clinic run by the Billingham Medical Practice continues to be very successful. This is held monthly and appointments are solely for those registered as veterans at the medical practice. Just contact the reception and request a veterans clinic appointment.



The branch is also very pleased to announce the start of the veteran's 'muster mornings'. These are run by the Billingham Medical Practice and K2 Healthcare Primary Care Network and occur on the second Tuesday of each month at the St Michaels Community Hall in Billingham, 1000-1200. This is a chance to just drop in for a coffee and swap war stories, or to speak to members of the k2 team about issues that may be concerning you. The coffee morning is open to all veterans in Billingham and the surrounding villages.

The 2027 Invictus Games will be held in Birmingham from 10th to 17th July 2027. The games will welcome 550 wounded, injured and sick service personnel and veterans, and their families, from 25 nations. They will compete in 12 adaptive sports to support their recovery and inspire others through their resilience. The Branch is extremely proud to be in the position to be able to support one of the Team UK athletes. This is an exciting prospect for us and we are hoping to have some involvement with the team leading up to the games.

Whilst in the early planning stages, we are looking to hire a coach to run a trip to the National Memorial Arboretum in Staffordshire. The provisional date is 9th September 2026. The trip will be primarily aimed at veterans. **For further details, or to provisionally request a place, please contact our secretary, Stephen Taylor, on Billinghamdistrict.secretary@rbl.community**

It is also with great pride that it was announced at the RBL Annual National Conference 2026 that Billingham Branch was the runner-up for the RBL Lister Cup. The Lister Cup is awarded to the Branch with 50 members or less which has demonstrated compliance, promoted the RBL positively within its County/District or wider area and supported its membership and beneficiaries.

This is a great reflection on the work that the branch has undertaken to support both RBL members and those in the community that are eligible for help from the RBL. That is not just veterans but serving personnel and families of both.

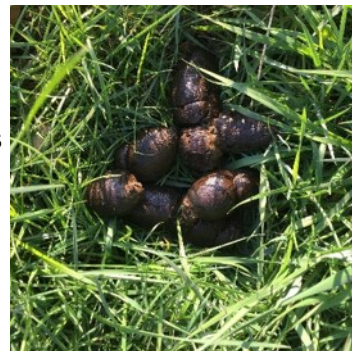
If you would like to join us in helping others then join through the RBL webpage or contact the branch secretary or branch chair, Andy Catlett, at Billinghamdistrict.chair@rbl.community for further information.

DOG POO – A GROWING PROBLEM IN OUR VILLAGE



Unfortunately, this is not an uncommon sight on the pavements around Billingham. Our parish council street cleaner picks up a lot. There is evidence in the use of the bins around the village that a lot of people are responsible and pick up and dispose of their dog's poo. Unfortunately, there is also a minority that do not, some even leaving poo on a pavement next to a bin!

The playing field is also an area of concern. Just because poo is in grass, it is still an issue. Why should our football players have to check the pitch for poo prior to a match? Why should children be at risk playing on the play equipment?



Why is it important to clean up dog poo?

You may be wondering why communities and local authorities are so concerned with the issue of dog mess. So, here's a list of reasons that show how cleaning up your dog's mess is essential for the health of you, your dog, your local community, and the environment.

- Dog poo is an environmental pollutant, since it contains upwards of 23 million microorganisms of bacteria (twice as much as human poo!).
- The harmful diseases and viruses contained in dog poo, including E.coli, can be passed onto humans if the mess isn't properly cleaned up.
- Dog poo can contain the Toxocara worm, which is known to cause toxocarisis – leading to dizziness, seizures, asthma, blindness, and breathing difficulties; which makes it **especially dangerous to children**.
- Often, people won't notice dog mess on the path or grass in front of them until it's too late, leading to poo being transferred onto shoes, pushchairs, and wheel chairs.
- Leaving dog poo dangling from tree branches or thrown into hedges/fields can have a devastating impact on wildlife and livestock, causing serious health problems and even death. For example, a dog-mess-related illness called neosporosis causes cows to abort their unborn calves, whereas sarcocystosis causes neurological disease and death in sheep.

There are **25 public bins** throughout the village, 9 specifically for dog poo and the rest for general rubbish and poo. Each household also has a black bin – take the poo home. The cost of bags is totally negligible in the overall cost of keeping a dog as a pet.

You will know if this article is aimed at **YOU**. Please stop being wilfully ignorant and think of others. And thank you to all the responsible dog owners.

Save the Date

Billingham Medical Practice Patients Participation Group are holding a fundraiser at the Practice on

WEDNESDAY 15TH JULY

9AM—12PM

Please do come along and support us.

Tombola Book Stall Cake Stall

Raffle

We look forward to seeing you

Patient Participation Group



Billingham Medical Practice have an active patient participation group (PPG).

The purpose of the group is to represent the views of the village and surrounding catchment with regard to the surgery. They will ensure any issues raised are aired at meetings held every 3 months (4 per year).

The PPG also have a 'have your say' comment box in the waiting room, if you would like them to raise something on your behalf.

They are also kept informed of any developments and news from the surgery. There is always a representative of the surgery present at the meeting.

If you are interested in joining the group please contact Vicky Howseman at the surgery, and she will put you in touch with one of the committee members.

Meeting Dates: 7th July 2026 and 6th October 2026, 18.00hrs at the Surgery.

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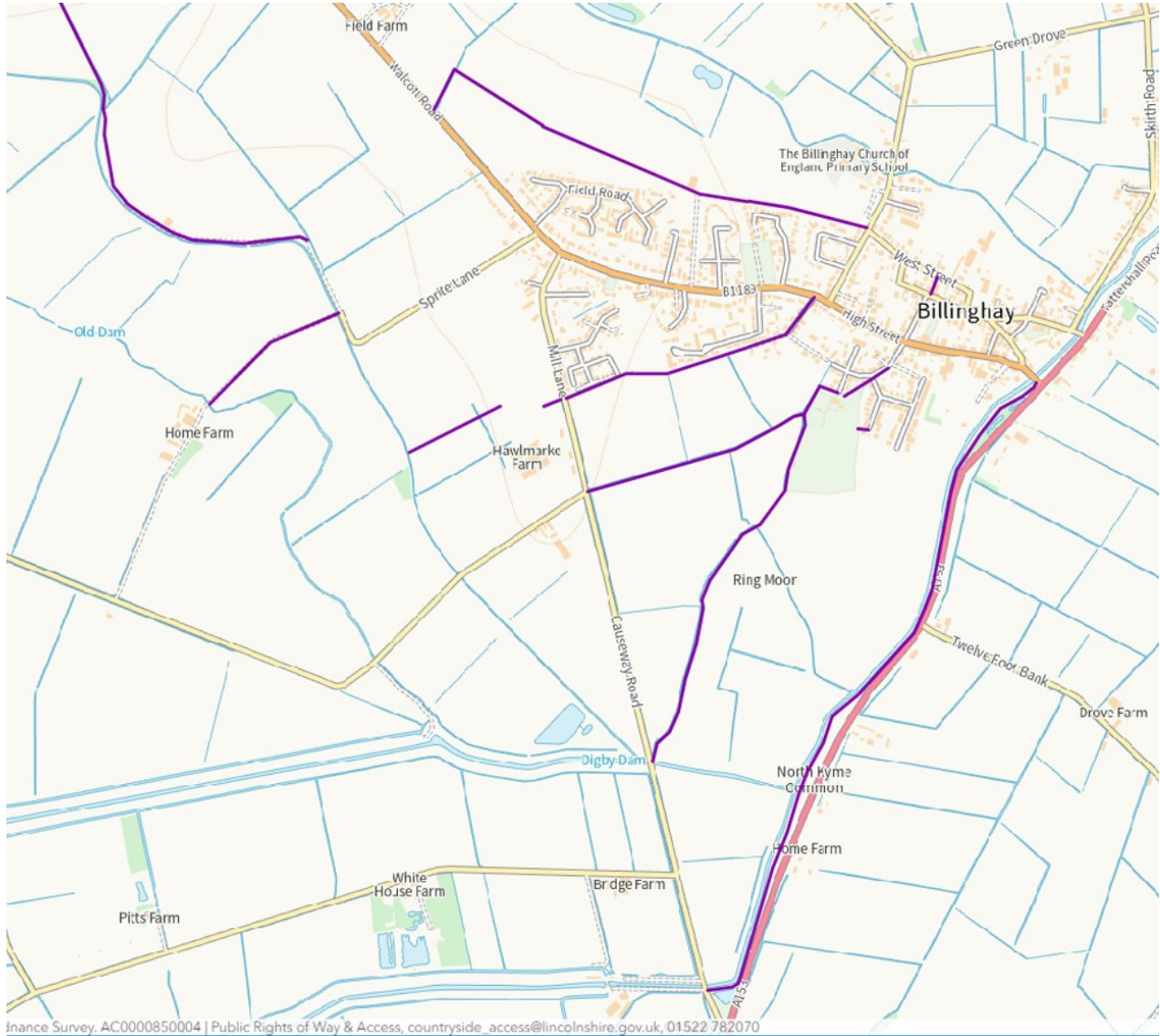
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Public Rights of Way in Billinghay

The Parish Council regularly receives complaints regarding members of the public walking across private land which is not a public right of way. The extract below is taken from the Lincolnshire Public Rights of Way Definitive Map.



All the routes shown in bold are public footpaths. Public footpaths are designated routes that the public has the legal right to use **on foot**. These are not for the use of cyclists or horse riders. There are no public bridleways or restricted byways around Billinghay.

Walking on private land, especially where it is marked as private or is clearly blocked by a fence or barrier, for example, could be an act of trespassing. Depending on the circumstances, this could amount to either civil or criminal trespass.

Lincolnshire County Council are responsible for the maintenance of the footpaths. If you wish to report an issue with a footpath then this can be done by going to the webpage www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/coast-countryside/public-rights-way/3 and clicking on 'Report a Problem'. Or contact the Parish Clerk. Bear in mind that hedges cannot be cut from 1 March to 31 August due to bird nesting season. This is a legal constraint.

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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

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| <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> | |

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Next is 14th July then

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10am- 12pm**

**If you any queries, call
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Billingham Village Hall & Playing Field News



MOVE IT OR LOSE IT:

We are pleased to welcome Fiona Barlow who will be putting on this gentle exercise class for anyone looking to regain some independence, fitness, flexibility or confidence in a friendly, fun and supportive environment. You can participate standing or seated and take it at your own pace. The first class starts on Thursday 2nd July at 09.45 and **THE FIRST CLASS IS FREE** so why not come along and give it a try?

Contact **Fiona** on **07824 554566**,

email fiona.barlow@moveitorloseit.co.uk or just come along on the day.

Thanks to all who took part and attended the **tabletop sale** day on May 23rd. We will be putting on another of these in the autumn after everyone has settled down from holidays and other summer events, so look out for information later in the summer. Meanwhile remember the Village Hall is available for bookings, functions and events throughout the year and we will be glad to discuss your needs and show the facilities.

Contact June on 07506 000416 for information.

Band From County Hell Saturday 26th September:

Tickets are now on sale (£10) at Shapes Hair Salon in Bridge Street Billingham or by contacting Bob on 07940 715669 so grab your tickets and don't miss out on what should be a great evening. (we'd like to say thankyou to Shapes who are always willing to support our village. A real community hub).

Playing Field Litter

Can we ask that everyone enjoying the use of the field uses the litter bins which are scattered around the playing field? There has been a recent spate of discarded packaging, cans etc (and clothing) left just yards from the bins. It is everyone's facility to enjoy so please help by keeping the area clean and tidy, especially with summer coming on and more of us wanting to enjoy the use of the field and facilities. Thank you.

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BILLINGHAY MEDICAL PRACTICE VETERAN CLINICS

Here at Billingham Medical Practice we
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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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LOCAL POLICE NEWS



SLEAFORD RURAL NORTH

Local Team:

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Stuart Mumby-Croft - Sergeant

Chris Green - Constable

Most Commonly Reported Crimes - March 2026

| | |
|------------------------------|----|
| Anti-social behaviour | 14 |
| Criminal Damage & Arson | 4 |
| Other Theft | 5 |
| Violence and Sexual Offences | 25 |

CRIME LEVELS 12 MONTHS ENDING 31/03/2026

| MONTH | NUMBER | % OF TOTAL |
|--------|--------|------------|
| Apr 25 | 45 | 7.0% |
| May 25 | 58 | 9.1% |
| Jun 25 | 32 | 5.0% |
| Jul 25 | 63 | 9.9% |
| Aug 25 | 53 | 8.3% |
| Sep 25 | 51 | 8.0% |
| Oct 25 | 55 | 8.6% |
| Nov 25 | 53 | 8.3% |
| Dec 25 | 52 | 8.1% |
| Jan 26 | 74 | 11.6% |
| Feb 26 | 50 | 7.8% |
| Mar 26 | 53 | 8.3% |

Priorities:

- Youth anti-social behaviour 31 October 2025

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