

## Village Diary

21st January - Holy Communion at St Andrews 10.30am

11th February- Evensong at St Andrews 4.30pm

18th February at St Andrews - Holy Communion at St Andrews 10.30am

### Parish Council Meetings:

The next meetings, in the Village Hall, are:

Tuesday 12th March 2024-  
Parish Council Meeting-7.30pm

14th May 2024 - **Annual Parish Meeting** 7-7.30pm  
Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm

Everyone is very welcome to attend the meetings, if they wish to raise or ask questions of the council. Please pop in!

**Clerk:** Alison Gibson – 07763177707 /

### Councillors:

Cllr Tessa Bladon (Chair)- 07549 271986

Cllr Paul Officer - 01858 545717

Cllr Clare Staveley - 07891 788059

Cllr Debbie Molyneux - 07854 734671

Cllr James Anderson - 07557 801 580

## Village Hall Trustees

Tur Langton Village Hall is still looking for a few more people to become Trustees of the Hall Charity.

If you are interested please contact Tessa Bladon, Paul Officer, or Jan Haynes (see contacts above).

## Village Calming Speed Signs

Thank you to all the responses on the Traffic Calming received. Further to these comments, the Parish Council purchased two Speed Indicator Devices to replace the existing ones installed by Leicestershire County Council in 2008. We were able to purchase these two units with the help of the Leicestershire County Council Members Highway Fund Grant of £5000.

Both these units now allow us to record and collect data on the number and speed of vehicles driving through the village.

## Parking

Can we remind residents to ask their visitors not to obstruct the pavements when parking. It is better to have a vehicle more in the road than to force pedestrians into the roadway!

## Flooding

If your property was affected by the flooding on the 2nd of January, could you please report it to Leicestershire County Council (LCC) at: <https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/environment-and-planning/flooding-and-drainage/report-a-flood>

There is also the information page <https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/environment-and-planning/flooding-and-drainage> from LCC which you may find useful.

The Parish Council is looking into the role of flood wardens, as part of our Emergency Response Plan. If you would like to be involved, at present this involves making sure the road gutters are clear during heavy rain events, please contact the Clerk.

## Thorpe Langton Defibrillator Training Session

An opportunity to improve your First Aid skills on Saturday 17th February between 10.30am - 12.30pm at St. Leonard Church, Thorpe Langton.

Thorpe Langton have organised a free defibrillator training session led by Martin Fagan from the Heartbeat Foundation, who provide the village defibrillators stored in the telephone boxes in both Tur and Thorpe Langton. Everyone will be shown how to access the defibrillator (in Thorpe), what equipment is inside the box and how to use it. Everyone is welcome and refreshments will be available.

This FREE opportunity is open to all. Come along and bring your friends and members of your family.

## County News

There are various local consultations currently that will/may impact the village, so we would like to make you aware of them. Please, do look at them and give your opinion!

## Leicestershire County Council Draft Budget Plans 2024-2028

Leicestershire County Council have published their 2024-2028 spending plans for consultation. These plans assume a proposed three per cent increase on core Council Tax for 2024/25 and incorporate an additional two per cent 'social care precept' increase. Increases of five per cent for 2025/26 and three per cent for 2026/27 and 2027/28 have been assumed. Decisions on future years' Council Tax levels, including the adult social care precept, will be taken prior to the start of each year.

Leicestershire County Council are not in crisis territory – but they do have a significant budget gap. Their four-year draft budget, known as the medium term financial strategy, shows that they have a gap of £12m next year for which they will

have to dip into reserves. This gap rises to £85m by 2028, and that is after plans for a further £77m of savings.

Consultation runs from 20th December to **17th January** and is available on <https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/about-the-council/council-spending/budget-proposals-find-out-more>

## Waste Facilities Consultation

Growing demand for county council services and general price rises (inflation) are increasing the cost of delivering services. Leicestershire County Council's budget plan includes a requirement to make savings from the recycling and household waste sites (often referred to as the 'tips'). The proposals below would make savings of £420,000 per year and have been designed to reduce costs whilst minimising the impact on residents and site users as far as possible.

### The proposals include:

- Closing Market Harborough, Shepshed and Somerby recycling and household waste sites
- Changing the opening days at Bottesford and Melton Mowbray recycling and household waste sites
- Changing summer opening hours at all recycling and household waste sites
- Closing on Christmas Eve at all recycling and household waste sites

The consultation is open from 1st November to **24th January** and is available on the County Council website:

<https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/have-your-say/current-engagement/recycling-and-household-waste-sites>

## Harborough District Local Plan Consultation

The purpose of the 'Issues and Options' consultation is to start a public

conversation about the future of the district and about what the new local plan should contain.

The consultation document focuses on key planning issues, including homes, jobs, heritage, town centres, climate change, biodiversity and protection of important open spaces. Each issue is introduced, explained, and feedback is invited on a number of consultation questions.

The Consultation runs from **16 January to 27th February**. The consultation information can be found on Harborough District's website: [https://www.harborough.gov.uk/info/20004/planning\\_strategy/528/new\\_local\\_plan](https://www.harborough.gov.uk/info/20004/planning_strategy/528/new_local_plan)

A series of drop in events will be held over the period for questions:

- 24 January, 10.30am to 8pm: Market Harborough – Council Chamber, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor of The Symington Building, Adam & Eve Street, LE16 7AG.
- 31 January, 3.30pm to 7.30pm: Scraftoft – Community Hub (Lounge), Malsbury Ave, LE7 9FQ.
- 6 February, 3.30pm to 7.30pm: Lutterworth – The Wycliffe Rooms (Community Hall), George Str, Masonic Hall, LE17 4ED.
- 7 February, 3.30pm to 7.30pm: Broughton Astley – Broughton Astley Village Hall (Boughton Hall), Station Rd, LE9 6PT.
- 13 February, 3.30pm to 7.30pm: Kibworth – The Old Grammar School (Main Hall), School Rd, LE8 0JE.