

Dogs

Please always keep dogs on leads and under control and be aware of others by keeping your dog close by. Ensure it does not disturb wildlife, farm animals, horses, or other people by keeping it under effective control. Please observe the Countryside Code -ensure dogs do not stray off the path where you have a right of access.

Fouling

Dog mess is unpleasant and there is no excuse for not cleaning up after your pet. Please pick-up after your dogs & place in the bins provided or take home and dispose.

Dangerous dogs

Lincolnshire Police are responsible for dealing with dangerous dogs. If you are concerned about a dog behaving dangerously, please report it by telephone to 101.

If someone loses or finds a dog, they should always contact the local authority by telephoning 01427 676676 or online

<https://west-lindsey-self.achieveservice.com/>

Thank you

Willingham by Stow Parish Council

Newsletter 2024

Willingham by Stow Parish Council is the first tier of Local Government for the village in West Lindsey. The Parish Council comprises of 7 councillors who are elected every four years who work for the benefit of the community and all local residents.

The Annual Council Meeting was held on 9th May - Cllr David Bingham was elected as Chair and Cllr Michael Bates as Vice.

The Parish Council represents and serves the whole community and is responsible for the services it provides following consultation with the parishioners at the Annual Parish Meeting or parishioners are welcome to attend the monthly council meetings and speak in the Public Participation section. It establishes policies for action and decides how money will be raised and spent on behalf of the community. It is responsible for spending the money lawfully, without risk and achieving the best value .

The council maintains the public footpaths within the village on behalf of Lincolnshire County Council, grass cutting in St Helens churchyard, Willingham Cemetery & public seating within the parish and owns the land operated and maintained by the Playing Field Committee, 2 fields on Stone Pit Lane, 1 currently is put to tender each year for grazing the other has been developed into a nature area for the community.

Grants last year were given to the Playing Field Committee for the grass cutting; the Village Hall Committee for the Seniors Active Fitness equipment & The Kings Coronation event; Celebration Lights at St Helens; Willingham Winter Festival to produce the flyers & the prizes for the Christmas Lights comp; and the council supported the Christmas Tree Festival at St Helens, prizes for the Best Kept Garden & Scarecrow competitions.

Willingham Parish Council Final Accounts as at 31/03/24

Summary of Receipts and Payments

Receipts		Payments	
Precept	£14,000.00	General Admin	£8,875.24
Grass Cutting Agreement	£330.24	Grounds Maintenance	£2,704.00
VAT return	£1,158.03	S137	£357.70
Interest/transfer	£29.72	VAT	£649.62
Cemetery revenue	£2,540.00	Property Maintenance	£1,026.49
Parish Field Rent	£130.00	Grant Funding	£3,503.54
Grants	£1,000.00	Parish Field Development	£1,390.00
	<u>£19,185.99</u>		<u>£18,506.59</u>

Account Reconciliation

Opening Balance	
31/03/23	
Account 90785678	£12,902.68
Account 20183679	£2,017.90
	<u>£14,920.58</u>

Add receipts	£19,185.99
Deduct Payments	£18,506.59
Closing balance	
31/03/24	<u>£15,599.98</u>

Bank Accounts	Closing balance	31/03/2024
Account 90785678		£13,552.36
Account 20183679		£2,047.62
		<u>£15,599.98</u>

The balance corresponds with bank statement as at 31st March 2024

District Councillor (Stow Ward) WLDC

CLlr Lynda Mullally
 cllr.l.mullally@west-lindsey.gov.uk

County Councillor (Gainsborough Rural South) LCC

CLlr Richard Butroid
 cllr.butroid@lincolnshire.gov.uk

Anyone New to the Village?

We have a Welcome to Willingham leaflet with all the information you will need to help you settle in —please contact Jackie Didcock 787143

Lincolnshire County Council—Fault reporting site

For any Highways issues—streetlights/road signs/pot holes/manhole covers/trees/flooding etc

You can report these on the following site

<https://fixmystreet.lincolnshire.gov.uk>

THANK YOU

to all residents that help to keep our village tidy

- by the cutting grass verges/footpaths & hedges
- regularly litter pick
- Maintaining the village planter on the corner of Grange Lane & the Memorial Garden at the Cemetery

And to all the responsible dog owners who clean up after their pets

Environment Agency Incident hotline

To report any bad odours please ring
free (24 hour service) 0800 80 70 60

West Lindsey District Council—online self service site

Use this site for information regarding bin collection/fly tipping/litter problems/council tax/planning/anti-social behaviour plus many more.

<https://west-lindsey-self.achieveservice.com/>

Parish Council Meetings take place on the 2nd Thursday of each month (no meetings January & August) in the Committee Room of Willingham Village Hall. Meetings commence at 7.30pm. Each meeting has a 10-minute public forum, during which members of the public may make a short statement to the Council in relation to matters on the agenda or matters of concern or interest. If members of the public have any matters that they wish to be discussed, they should submit them to the Clerk one week in advance of the meeting so that they can be added to the agenda.

Notices of meetings are posted on the Parish Council Notice Board outside the Village Hall and on our website:

<https://willingham-by-stow.parish.lincolnshire.gov.uk>

Councillors:

David Bingham (Chair)
Michael Bates (vice)
Tony Clifton
Quincy Connell
Chantelle Devine
Jackie Didcock
David Leak

Clerk/RFO:

Lisa Brooks-Sleight 07946854466
13 The Close, Sturton by Stow, Lincoln, LN1 2AG
willinghambystow.pc@sky.com

Willingham Table Tennis is proud to announce that it will be open for the new session. There is a Junior group that runs from 7pm till 8 & Adults from 8 till 10 on a Wednesday evening. It will be held in Willingham Village Hall on the High St. & the first evening for juniors is on September Wednesday 11th.

Adults has continued through the summer this year & we are looking for new members & all abilities in both groups & we welcome especially new comers to both groups so please come & join us for a game of friendly wiffwaff, refreshment & friendly banter.

Contact details are as follows & in the back of the Willingham Parish Magazine.

Sam Hunt 07947 447292 sam@xingdesign.com

Kev Birket Kev.Birkett@dynexsemi.com

Our Pleasure....

Foxy Ladies

Foxy Ladies meet on the third Monday of each month in Willingham Village Hall at 7.30pm. We have a varied programme arranged by members which includes outings to places of interest, theatre trips, garden centres, speakers and social evenings.

For more information contact Barbara on 01427 788425

or Ann 01427 787267

Willingham Friendship Club

The club has continued to meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month, from September until the end of November, and then January until the end of June The club enables older members (though people of all ages are welcome) to enjoy friendship over a cup of tea and various activities from 2 – 4pm in the village hall, High St, Willingham by Stow.

A varied programme has been offered –This year we have had talks about Father Christmas in Lapland, farming in Lincolnshire and The Falkland Islands conflict. We've been shown the French way of playing pétanque, we've played carols on belle plates and we've had quizzes. We really enjoyed an excellent Christmas lunch in the Half Moon.

There has been an average of around 15 members at each session, but we would be very pleased to welcome more members.

Memorial Garden at the Cemetery (Marton Rd)

A place to sit, look at the plants, listen to the birds and remember loved ones.

Memorial Plaques can be purchased to be placed around the garden for a fixing fee —please contact the clerk for more information.

(purchase a plaque 11x8 portrait or 6x4 landscape)



Willingham Horticultural Society

The 77th annual show was held in Sept 2023. We were delighted with the participation in the Show – there were more entries overall than for very many years. This was despite the low entry in the fruit and blooms classes, both of which were badly weather affected. As usual the school pupils, Beavers and Cubs gave us plenty of colourful work to admire and we are very grateful to their teachers and leaders. The weather on the day of the Show was very poor so that the number of visitors to the Show was slightly reduced but they were generous with the auction and raffle.

At the AGM we were very pleased to welcome two new members to the committee which will be very helpful in organising our next show. The 78th annual show will be on Sept 28th 2024. We are hoping for good gardening weather this summer and another bumper show.

The Bell Ringers

Normal ringing has taken place on a regular basis throughout the year: practice night on Wednesdays at 7.30pm and ringing for Services on Sunday mornings. We have been pleased to welcome ringers from a number of the surrounding villages at our practices and on Sundays and we, likewise, help out at their churches.

We have recently taught one new ringer from the village but we could do with a few more, so if you would like to find out more about this unique hobby (it's great for mind and body) please do call in when you hear the bells ring or contact Sue on 788092

WILLINGHAM BAND

Willingham Band is a fun band, which has been playing since 1985.

We play music for a wide variety of local events including Church festivals, pub parties, Christmas carolling, etc.

We have a wide repertoire, from pop to classical, jazz to musicals.

We are also here to provide local musicians experience in playing good music in our ensemble.

If you are a “rusty” musician, or maybe you’re a school musician who would like to play in a “real” band, we’d love to hear from you!

Whatever type of musician you are (either wind or percussion), we’d love to hear from you!

We may even be able to lend you an instrument!

We rehearse at Willingham Village Hall on Friday evenings, 7.30 -9.00.

FIND **WILLINGHAM BAND** ON FACEBOOK AND LEAVE A MESSAGE!

WILLINGHAM BY STOW TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Willingham by Stow has had a Twinning Association since 2000, but what are its objectives?

It aims to develop mutual understanding and awareness between people from different cultures. It helps develop values such as citizenship and tolerance and is a fun way to discover how other European people live and to make friends from different countries

We are not an exclusive group – any resident of the village can be part of our trips – young and old.

The first village to form a link with us was Moyenneville in France. The second community to become part of what is now a tri-partnership is the small town of Postrelmov in the Czech Republic. We now have good friends in both towns.

The idea of hosting a French or Czech family or staying in the home of someone you have never met can be daunting, but those who have taken part, have invariably enjoyed the experience and gained an understanding of what twinning is about. Language is rarely a problem.

In July 2010 the first three way visit was hosted in Moyenneville, France. All three countries mingled, talked, partied and enjoyed the experience of being together. An excellent programme of events and cultural opportunities was planned by our Moyenneville hosts.

In July 2011 we visited Postrelmov along with our French friends. The Czech people were welcoming to all our families and were excellent hosts. The formal signing agreement took place over the weekend along with visits to local amenities and attractions.

Parish Field

this is located on Stone Pit Lane. It has been developed with the help of grant funding from WLDC Councillor Initiative Fund & WLDC Community Fund.

There are 2 benches positioned on the path and 2x picnic benches have been purchased with a grant from WLDC, these will be placed at the parish field later this year.

Please go and have a look, enjoy the walk around the pond, enjoy the nature around, listen to the birds in the quiet tranquil surroundings.

If you would like to help maintain the Parish Field in a volunteers group, please contact the clerk for more information.



A new planter on Grange Lane to commemorate King Charles III Coronation on 6th May 2023

D-Day 80th Anniversary Celebrations

The village enjoyed getting together to celebrate the D-day anniversary with bellringing, a sing-a-long, lighting of The Lamp of Peace & the Beacon. Thank you to all involved, who played a part in preparing or attending.

The Parish Council would like to thank the Bradbury Group apprentices who designed and build the new village Beacon.



New **Facebook** page for the Parish Council -



Willingham by Stow Parish Council

36 likes • 50 followers



Since 2012 we have travelled to Moyenneville and Postrelmov once every three years and they in turn have visited Willingham. Up to 50 visitors (25 from each country) come on each occasion and we enjoy days out, village functions and the hospitality of host families in each other's countries.

Fund raising helps us to meet the cost of hosting and to subsidise the cost of children's travel when taking youngsters abroad with us. This means your twinning experience is much less expensive than you would imagine.

As I write (July 2024) we are expecting 36 visitors and together we will enjoy a weekend of social functions, local visits and sport.

If you would like to join us on one of our trips or chat to some of us about our experiences please email me.

There is also more information on the village website - <http://www.willinghambystow.co.uk/twinning/>

Dave Bussey, Chairman
dave@bussey.co.uk

Seniors Seated Exercise

Classes will resume after the summer break on Thursday

September 5th at 2pm and every two weeks thereafter.

£1.00 per person which includes refreshments.

For more information, please contact

Barbara on 01427 788425 or Ann on 01427 788267

Willingham Village Hall

The Village Hall is a central community base for villagers use. It is managed by a committee of volunteer trustees who maintain the building and provide a venue for hire at very competitive rates.

The committee also promote and provide events for all villagers to enjoy, most recently the D Day remembrance and beacon lighting event and last year the street party to celebrate the coronation. There are a wide range of organisations and groups who provide activities for all ages who use the hall on a regular basis for sport, social and cultural purposes. We have regular coffee mornings and lunches. It is also available for hire for private functions.

To book the hall email- wbsvhbooking@gmail.com

The AGM of the hall will be on Wednesday 30th October 2024 at 7.00pm. Come along and tell us what facilities or activities you would like to see in the village. This year a number of the committee who have served the community for several years will be retiring. We are looking for replacements for a chairman, secretary and booking clerk.

If you could spare a bit of time for your community and want to know more contact us on the email above or by text/phone

Barbara on 07949112630

Hello everyone,

It's been an exciting year since I became a Councillor of Stow Ward. I've loved being involved with all the villages and the activities. I try to attend most of the events but it's not always possible.

Willingham by Stow you have been amazing by inviting me to join in PC meetings and numerous other events. The Christmas Fayre in St Helen's Church was beautifully displayed by the ladies who work tirelessly to support this cause.

The D Day celebrations in June was so well organised with the lighting of the torch. The torch was made by two boys and a girl, serving apprenticeships at Bradbury Group, Scunthorpe. My husband and I even got a tour of Ashleigh Farm owned by Caroline and David Leak. It's a beautiful set up of glamping teepee tents and witches' huts. They are fabulously equipped, and we hope to be booking in soon.

You have a strong community and a fabulous pub, The Half Moon managed by Gavin who is an asset to the village.

I look forward to the next year ahead.

Thank you for making me so welcome.

Lynda Mullally xx

St. Helen's Church, Willingham by Stow.

St. Helen's Church remains a central part of the village community with regular services on the 2nd and 4th Sunday in the month as well as holding weddings, baptisms and funerals.

Coffee and biscuits after the Sunday service provides an opportunity for villagers to chat and socialise and learn more about events taking place. A warm welcome awaits any parishioners to any of our services. We have a flourishing bell ringing team who ring for our Sunday services as well as ringing at nearby churches. New recruits are always welcome.

We also have a four part choir singing at Sunday services as well as at weddings, concerts and in nearby churches. New bases, tenors, altos and sopranos are very welcome, no audition is required and you do not have to read music. We also have a Junior Choir for young children in the area. You do not have to live in the village to join, just an interest in singing and enjoying music.


If you are interested in ringing or singing in either of the choirs please contact one of the church wardens.

There have been many special services such as Mother's Day, Harvest etc throughout the year, some specifically focusing on families. This year St. Helen's hosted a Christmas Tree Magic event during December which was well attended and enjoyed by many visitors. We hope to host another Magical Event this Christmas so look out for posters later in the year.

We also took part in the annual West Lindsey Churches festival with displays from local crafts people. The maintenance and care of the church is the responsibility of the PCC. The cleaning of the church is undertaken by a small group of voluntary ladies who are not getting any younger and they could do with some help. You do not need to be a regular church attendee but if you could support them with an hour on a Friday morning they would love to hear from you.


Please contact wardens:

Barbara Bussey 01427 788425 and Mary Hutchinson 01427 788619






GAINSBOROUGH RURAL SOUTH

Neighbourhood Policing Team



YOUR LOCAL TEAM

gainsboroughruralsouth.npt@lincs.pnn.police.uk

		
Inspector 1144 Michael Head michael.head@lincs.police.uk 07500920288	Sergeant Yvonne Stubbs yvonne.stubbs@lincs.police.uk 07810056841	PC 991 Samantha Key Samantha.Key@lincs.police.uk 07788812477

UPDATE FROM THE INSPECTOR

My plea to residents is to report incidents on 101 or using the online report system providing that it isn't an emergency in which the 999 should be used.

Myself and the team strive to be as accessible as possible and can be contacted via the team email address.

LOCAL PRIORITY


The local priorities are reviewed and set every 3 months for the entire Rural South Ward.


The last priorities were set in April and was youth ASB.


The priority meeting for July has not yet taken place.

WANT TO KNOW MORE

Crime statistics for your neighbourhood are available at www.lincs.police.uk

Find us on  Facebook
Search: [GainsboroughPolice](https://www.facebook.com/GainsboroughPolice)

Follow us on Twitter 
Search: [@GainsboroughPol](https://twitter.com/GainsboroughPol)



Nextdoor is a great way of getting the latest relevant information for your area.
Join at: www.nextdoor.co.uk

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Willingham & District Relief in
Sickness Charity
Charity Commission No:512180

The charity covers the area of Willingham; Corringham;
Heapham; Kexby; Springthorpe & Upton
–to relieve & provide appropriate services of
Support to those in need
of benefit who reside in the area
The Charity also offers a subsidy Chiropodist service
for residents in the area

We have several wheelchairs, commodes, walking aides,
toilet seats, bath seats, bedrest supports, over arm table
and shower stools available for loan –
including patients of Willingham Surgery

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**Please contact if you would like help or
Support from this charity**

**For equipment loan
Dorothy Wain 788332 or Stewart 788011**

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Lisa Brooks-Sleight (clerk) 07946854466
Email: willingham.sickness.charity@mail.com

Willingham Playing Field Committee

After eight years as treasurer on the Playing Field Committee, I feel I've done my bit and have recently resigned. However, I do feel duty bound to encourage others in the village to get involved, where they can and are willing to. Not necessarily as treasurer but by joining the committee, helping out from time to time and contributing to the future of our village playing field.

Alternatively, if you're not the 'committee' type but would be willing to help out when available with projects, please let me know. An example might be the painting of the changing rooms or cleaning up the children's play area. These are not regular events but the more volunteers we have from the village, the lighter the load for those taking part and it's a great way of meeting new faces.

If you feel this is something you can help with, please let me have your name, email and contact number and someone on the committee will contact you when something is planned.

Or contact Chairman Dave Mann on 07808 068067.

Ray Didcock
Treasurer
Willingham Playing Field Committee