



Willingham by Stow Newsletter 2026

Welcome to your 2026 village newsletter.

Willingham Parish Council have produce this booklet to inform all residents what Willingham has to offer, whether you have lived here for a long time or you are a new resident.

We hope you find this a useful & interesting read!

The village has its own website with lots of useful information on village organisations and activities.

Check it out at **www.willinghambystow.co.uk** and on **Facebook – Willingham by Stow Community**

The **Village Hall** is on the High St, where lots of groups/clubs meet. These include the Friendship Club, Table Tennis, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts, Foxy Ladies social group, craft group and more. The Village Hall also run a 150 Club with 12 monthly draws of cash prizes. And a coffee morning on the 3rd Wednesday each month at 10am.

The village has two excellent pubs – the **Half Moon** with food available and the **Fox & Hounds** with a restaurant & accommodation

There is a well-used **Playing Field** and **play park** at the junction of High Street and Marton Road with adult exercise equipment & area for children. This area also has a small number of mini **allotments**. In the interests of health and safety, please do not exercise your dogs in this area.

St Helen's Church is part of the Stow Group of Parishes and produces a monthly Parish Magazine that gives full details of services at all the churches in the Group. The magazine also contains details of events taking place locally and gives contact details for many clubs & organisations with advertisements from small local businesses.

If you play an instrument, **Willingham Band** would love to hear from you or would you like to join **Willingham Bell Ringers**?

Mobile Library

– details of dates, visit Lincolnshire Mobile Library <https://www.better.org.uk/library/lincolnshire/accessibility/mobile-library> with visits to neighbouring villages - Kexby, Stow and Sturton

Willingham Doctors Surgery is on the High St - reception 01427 788277 and has a **Patient Participation Group** (PPG) Listening to the patient voice, email willingham.ppg@gmail.com

Willingham has a very successful **Twinning Partnership** with the village of Moyenneville in the Picardy region of France.

And there is more, the village has an Artisan Bakery, Table Tennis groups, Horticultural Society, Caravan & Clamping site, Willingham & District Relief in Sickness Charity and a mobile Post Office van visiting neighbouring villages.



All pictures seen throughout this newsletter have been taken in Willingham,
- what a beautiful village!

We hope you find this newsletter helpful & full of information about your village, some information you may not know or what groups/activities have to offer throughout the year.

Contact details of groups/clubs can be found on
the relevant pages.

Information correct as of May 2026



Ashleigh Farm Artisan Bakery

Nestled at Ashleigh Farm in Willingham-by-Stow, Ashleigh Farm Artisan Bakery is a family-run bakery where everything is traditionally made with care, passion and attention to detail.



The bakery offers a delicious selection of freshly baked sourdough, farmhouse loaves, cakes, scones, doughnuts and seasonal treats – all created using traditional methods and quality ingredients.



Visitors can also enjoy our hugely popular homemade afternoons teas, available on Wednesdays and Saturdays and served in the beautiful farmhouse garden, the perfect countryside escape for friends and family.

For those wanting to learn the craft themselves, we also offer friendly and informative breadmaking lessons.



Whether you are stopping by for fresh bread, a homemade cake or a relaxing afternoon tea, you will always receive the warm welcome and excellent customer service Ashleigh Farm has become known for:

Freshly baked. Traditionally made. Served with heart.

The bakery is open every Friday from 3pm – 6pm.

Willingham Horticultural Society

This year will be an important one for the show committee as it will be the 80th annual show. It will be held on Sept 26th 2026 in the village hall. The show is a great place to view villagers' many talents, whether it be baking, painting, photography, handicrafts or gardening. A paper copy of the schedule will be delivered to all households in the village during the summer but in the meantime the schedule can be found on the village website willinghambystow.co.uk so that you can start planning your entries to the show. Parents are particularly encouraged to save all their children's beautiful art and craft work and enter them into the children's classes.

Let's hope for good gardening weather this summer, not too wet and not too dry and the committee members look forward to seeing all your lovely produce.



THANK YOU to all the residents that help to keep our village tidy-
the cutting grass verges/footpaths & hedges;
regular litter picking;
maintaining the village planter on the corner of Grange Lane & the
Memorial Garden at the Cemetery

The Bell Ringers

We ring the bells of St Helen's on Wednesday evenings for practice and on Sunday mornings when there is a Service. We also ring for special occasions such as weddings. We have a busy practice night with ringers from surrounding towers joining us and we are a friendly and enthusiastic group of people. However, on Sundays we have to rely on a few people travelling to Willingham to help us man all the ropes and we, likewise, help out at their churches. We are regularly told how much people like to hear the bells being rung, but without more ringers, the sound might easily disappear from the village. If you are interested in learning to ring, come along at 7.30pm on a Wednesday evening; we would be delighted to show you what we do and what an amazing and sociable hobby ringing is. You don't have to be musical or strong, ringing is suitable for people of all ages from 10 years upwards.



St Helens Church

Our village church remains a central part of our community. We have regular services twice a month on the 2nd and 4th Sunday. The latter is a family service where families are welcome to come and enjoy worship with all ages together. All our services are followed with refreshments. For families with children café church with tea and cake is celebrated in St Mary's Stow on the 3rd Sunday of the month in the afternoon. A list of all the services within the group benefice is available in the parish magazine. If you do not receive a copy but would like to please let us know. We are always available for baptisms, weddings and funerals. We continue to have a church choir and also a junior choir. During the summer months the church is open during the day for private prayer and visits.

Like all old buildings there is a constant need to do repairs and maintenance. Some of you may have noticed during March workmen in the churchyard. They were replacing our drains which were early Victorian and no longer able to function. In June we should be seeing some of our other rainwater goods, the gutters and drain pipes which are also old and unable to do their job which causes the rain water to deteriorate the stone work and cause dampness inside the building being replaced. I say some of them as sadly we are needing to continue fund raising and applying for more grants to complete the job. Although are target of getting to £60,000 to pay for all the project to be funded with lots of grant applications, donations and fundraising was finally reached in the spring the goal posts have moved. Firstly the government stopped reimbursing VAT on church repairs and then as time had moved on from the original quotes costs had increased. We are now looking for a further £25,000 to complete the project. So the work of grant applications continues.

Please come and support any of our fund raising events you see advertised. Every penny counts.

Willingham Twinning Association News

Thank you to those who supported our organisation by attending our Murder Mystery night in March. We made £2000 towards hosting our next Twinning Weekend in Willingham in 2028.

Twining is an educational experience, and villagers learn about other cultures by staying in the homes of host villagers. Knowledge and understanding of language and culture is gained through friendship and long-lasting relationships. A bursary is available towards the travel costs for accompanied children/students. This year 15 villagers (including 2 children and 1 student) will be travelling to Postrelmov in the Czech Republic from 24th – 27th July 2026. Amongst the many activities over the weekend we will be attending a traditional bread-making demonstration.

Our next event in the village will be a fun Family Treasure Hunt on Friday 28th August starting at 4pm in the Village Hall and ending in the garden of Barbara and Dave Bussey with a barbecue. Tickets including food are £5 per person. Under 5s go free.

To get your tickets contact Barbara on barbara@bussey.co.uk

If you're interested in joining us on a Twinning visit or want to know more contact our friendly



Chair Rebecca Andrews for more details
on 07960101199 or rebeccaandrews60@gmail.com

Willingham Friendship Club

The club meets 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 is offered –this year we have had talks about Pets as Therapy, the development of helicopters and Japan. We've participated in handbell ringing and quizzes. We really enjoyed another excellent Christmas lunch in the Half Moon.

We are a friendly and welcoming group of about a dozen members. We would love to have more members, so why not come along to meet us?



District Councillor (Stow Ward) WLDC - Cllr Lynda Mullally,
cllr.l.mullally@west-lindsey.gov.uk

County Councillor (Gainsborough Rural South) LCC
Cllr Paul Wimhurst cllrp.wimhurst@lincolnshire.gov.uk

Willingham Village Hall



The Village Hall continues to be the venue at the very centre of our community. Managed by the committee of volunteer trustees, the facility provides a central location for hire at very competitive rates.

Over the last year new fund-raising events have been well supported, such as our Horse Racing night, and the Twinning Committee's entirely original Murder mystery play and dining event, Murder at the Captain's Table.

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, and cultural purposes. We have regular coffee mornings and lunches. It is also available for hire and private functions. The Hall is now fully fitted out with a full size screen and projector that can be hired on request. This will help us to be a competitive venue as an asset to the hirers and organisations for display and teaching purposes but could be used for much more. Please note however that the potential showing of movies would require a licence to do so.

To book the hall, email – wbsvhbooking@gmail.com

We fund-raise to support the halls maintenance and so keep hire charges as low as possible. It is especially important this year to

support these events due to for example, the cost of repair to the Village Hall floor, due to woodworm, and other maintenance and upkeep requirements to keep the Hall in good order into the future. Thank you for your support to date and please do keep a look out for the future events as you see them advertised.

The 2026 AGM of the Hall will be held on Wednesday 4th November at 7pm. Please come along and tell us what facilities or activities you would like to see in the village. All are welcome.

Our committee has recently coopted three new members and we would love to hear from anyone else who might be interested in joining us. If you feel that you are able to give some spare time for your community and would like to know more, then contact us on the email wbsvhbooking@gmail.com or by text/phone to Barbara on 07949112630 or Eddie on 07798560237.

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WILLINGHAM BAND

Willingham Band is a fun band, which has been running 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 Table Tennis

Willingham Table Tennis is proud to announce that it will be open for the new session in September 2026. 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 of 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 family banter.

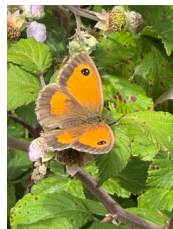
Contact details are as follows & in the back of the Willingham Parish Magazine.

Sam Hunt 07947 447292 sam@xingdesign.com

Kev Birket Kev.Birkett@dynexsemi.com

See you there...

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Contact information

- **Village hall bookings** or more information about activities that take place within the hall - email wbsvhbooking@gmail.com
- **Playing Field** Committee - contact Dave Mann 07808068067
- **Twinning** - 07960101199 or rebeccaandrews60@gmail.com
- **Parish Magazine** – for articles or to request a copy each month, ring or text 07546310198 and leave a message or sthelens.wbs@gmail.com
- Willingham **Craft Club**, Tues 2-4pm - 07484235121
- **Table Tennis, Juniors** - 01427 788570 kev.birkett@dynexsemi.com
- **Table Tennis Adults** - 07947447292 sam@xingdesign.com
- **Parish Council** clerk – clerk@willinghambystow-pc.gov.uk

I'm Lynda Mullally your local West Lindsey District Councillor for Stow Ward, consisting of the villages Sturton by Stow, Stow, Willingham by Stow, Bransby and Coates.

I try to attend most events, in Willingham by Stow, like the Church Open Days, events at the Village hall & Market days at Sturton Village Hall. You will see me at MacMillan coffee morning at The Cross Keys in Stow held once a year in September. You will find me working on the raffle stall. I support local businesses, we love Sunday lunch at the Half Moon- it serves great food, and the staff are lovely. I have my hair cut by Rachel Mann, face massage by Jackie, and my daughter goes to Clare Ella for a massage. They're all amazing! I also love to buy fresh bakery items from Ashleigh Farm and go there for afternoon tea with friends, all this in the village of Willingham by Stow.

I attend Winter Warm Space every Monday during the winter months then every two weeks from April-October/November. I use this as a surgery so if you have a problem please pop along to one of these mornings and I'll do what I can to help.

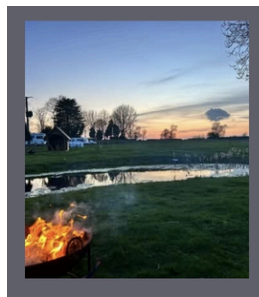
I look forward to meeting you, Kind wishes Lynda Mullally

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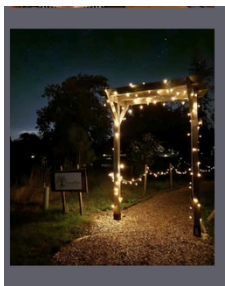
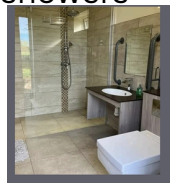


If you're dreaming of a few nights away, come and unwind in beautiful rural Lincolnshire, with stunning views stretching for miles across open countryside. Enjoy peaceful walks, big dark skies perfect for stargazing (when the clouds behave!), and a truly relaxing atmosphere.



On site, you'll find:

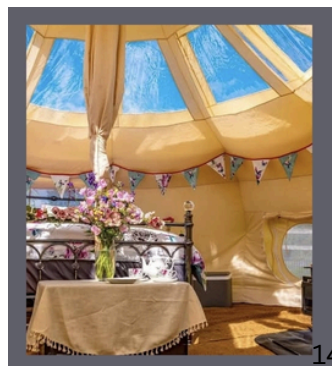
- Luxurious bathroom facilities with double waterfall showers
- A play area for the little ones
- The fantastic Half Moon Inn right next door
- Our very own Ashleigh Farm Artisan Bakery



You can even treat yourself to a fully homemade afternoon tea, delivered straight to your van or glamping unit on beautiful crockery – and we'll take it all away afterwards, so you don't have to lift a finger ☕

Why not come and stay at our award-winning site and enjoy a few days of peace and tranquillity?

Book online at [www.ashleighfarm.co.uk]
(<http://www.ashleighfarm.co.uk>)
or call us on
07578 336037 to reserve your pitch.





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7:05 – 7:40pm → Fitness Pilates & Fitness Yoga
* £6 per class or £10 for both



BANDS, BALLS
& CORE BLAST

WEDNESDAY – Willingham by Stow Village Hall
6:45 – 7:30am → Bands, Balls & Core Blast
* £6.50 per class



STRENGTH

THURSDAY – Willingham by Stow Village Hall
6:45 – 7:30am → Strength
* £6.50 per class



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FRIDAY – Willingham by Stow Village Hall
6:45 – 7:30am → Strength
* £6.50 per class



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Following a number of incidents where our fire crews were delayed getting to the people that needed immediate help as a result of inconsiderate parking, we are asking that all Lincolnshire drivers please be mindful where you park and leave enough space for an emergency appliance to get through.



Environment Agency

Incident hotline

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

Thank you to all the
responsible dog owners
who clean up after
their pets.

There is still a minority
of residents that
need reminding!

COMMUNITY CAFE



Join us for a warm welcome, where you can enjoy a comforting cup of tea, and connect meaningfully with others in a relaxed and friendly setting for free.

Mondays 11am to 2pm Walk from 11 am. Café opens at 12 noon

Every 2 weeks from April – October/November
then every week until the end of March

Sturton by Stow Village Hall
High Street
Sturton by Stow
LN1 2AX



Wheatley Post Office Mobile Van

-on Facebook for up to date info.



The Mobile Post Office service visits Stow & Sturton by Stow and is available on a Tuesdays & Thursdays.

Tuesday:

9.00am-10.30am - Stow in or near the rear car park of the Cross Keys

10.45am-12.15pm - Sturton-by-Stow at or near the Village Hall Thursday:

1.00pm-2.45pm - Sturton-by-Stow at or near the Village Hall

3.00pm-4.45pm - Stow in or near the rear car park of the Cross Keys



Parish Field - Is located on Stone Pit Lane, just off Fillingham Lane. It has been developed with the help of grant funding as a nature area.

Please go and have a look, walk around the pond and enjoy the tranquil settings,

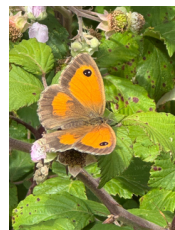
while listening to the birds song.

There are seats and picnic benches to take a rest.



Please help us to keep the area clean & litter free - take your litter home.

And there is a dog waste bin near the entrance
Thank you!



If you would like to volunteer and help us maintain the area - litter picking or weeding, please contact the clerk for more information.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

-for Willingham planning applications, these can be found on the West Lindsey District Council website by using the website details below or by scanning the QR code.



Stow Ward, Parish: Willingham CP

View the planning portal for all current/past applications & decisions

<https://westlindseypublicportal.statmap.co.uk/horizoNext/publicportal>

Willingham & District Relief in Sickness Charity

Charity Commission No:512180

The charity covers the areas 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 provides a subsidised Chiropody service

We have several wheelchairs, commodes, walking aides,
toilet seats, bath seats, bedrest supports, over arm table
and shower stools available for loan - also a mobility
scooter.

For equipment, please ring Dorothy 788332 or Stewart 788011

Please contact if you would like help/support
or more details from this charity

Lisa Brooks-Sleight (clerk)

willingham.sickness.charity@gmail.com

Willingham by Stow Parish Council represents and serves the whole community and is responsible for the services it provides. Following consultation with parishioners via Annual Parish Meeting. The council 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 raised lawfully and without risk and for achieving the best value for money.

The Parish Council is made up of 7 elected Councillor

- current parish councillors are:

David Bingham - Chair

Michael Bates - Vice

Tony Clifton

Quincy Connell

David Leak

Amanda O'Dell

The Chair is elected at the Annual Meeting on the Council usually held each year, in May.

The council has 1 employee (Lisa Brooks-Sleight) who serves as the Proper Officer & RFO. Lisa is responsible for the administrative, legal, and financial functions of the council, ensuring effective governance & communication, accountable for all financial records and the proper administration of the council's finances.

**There is currently 1 member vacancy -
please contact the clerk for further details**

Parish Council contact details:

clerk@willinghambystow-pc.gov.uk

07946854466

Monthly meetings are held in the Village Hall Committee room on the second Thursday of each month at 7.30pm.

(except no meeting in February & August)

All members of the public & press are welcome to attend and speak to the council during the Public Participation section.

Notices of meetings - agendas & minutes, are posted on the Parish Council Notice Board outside the Village Hall on High Street and on the Parish Council website.

The notice board and website also have useful public information.



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

The Parish Council currently provides and maintains:

Willingham Cemetery (Marton Road, Willingham) and public seating within the Parish.

It also maintains the public footpaths within the village on behalf of Lincolnshire County Council, as well as the verges owned by LCC.

The Parish Council owns the land operated and maintained by the Playing Field Committee, and contributes to the yearly cost of grass cutting through grant funding.

In addition the Parish Council owns the two fields ('Parish Fields') at the junction of Fillingham Road and Stone Pit Lane. One is put to tender each year for grazing and the other has been developed as a Nature Area for all residents to enjoy with a pathway around the pond & benches to rest and listen to the birds.

Grant Awarding Policy

Willingham by Stow Parish Council sets an annual budget for the provision of grants each year and the total amount available will vary from year to year. Grants are made out of the money provided through the Precept received each year from WLDC.

The Grant Policy and an application form can be viewed on the PC website, under Policies.

This policy outlines the scope, eligibility and conditions of grants provided by Willingham by Stow Parish Council.

Requests of grant funding over £400, must be received by 31st November each year, for payment in April of the following financial year. This is because the PC has to approve the Budget at the December meeting and submit their Precept request to WLDC.

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
clerk@willinghambystow-pc.gov.uk



Report it - Use our online forms to report an issue or tell us about a change. It's the quickest and cheapest way to contact us. No waiting and your report will go straight to the correct service area whatever time of day you report it.

- Bins – collection day/missed, waste, fly tipping, abandoned vehicles, dog waste bins, litter, ASB, street cleaning, street name plate damage.

Use QR code or <https://www.west-lindsey.gov.uk/report-it>



Fix My Street - Report, view, or discuss local problems

- potholes, highways, broken paving slabs, footpaths, street lighting, tree blocking the highway, flooding

Enter a Lincolnshire postcode, street name and area, or check an existing report number:
use QR code or <https://fixmystreet.lincolnshire.gov.uk/>

