



This year is flying by which I expect many of you are finding, and 2023 will soon be coming to its end. It was lovely to meet so many people at the Macmillan Coffee morning held in Beckingham in September, and then join with you for Harvest Festival. I will be leading a service of 'Lessons and Carols' on 20<sup>th</sup> December at All Saints' Church and a Christmas Eve Holy Communion at 8pm; it would be great to see you.

We have just been busy with All Souls' and Remembrance Services, and I was thinking that we are moving away from remembrance as we head towards Christmas, but of course we are not. In the hustle and bustle of December, simply the run-up to Christmas for many whilst in the Church it is the season of Advent, it is important that we pause to think of the significance of this annual remembrance of the birth of Jesus, the Son of God, who came that we might have life eternal.

Like everyone else. I will be remembering past Christmases, time spent with family, arguments over the turkey (expensive and from Norfolk when with my in-laws, frozen and from a convenient supermarket when at our house), occasional snow, electricity cuts in the middle of cooking, precious first memories with newborn children. I will also be remembering three family members who will not be with us this year, no names to put in cards or presents to buy, but happy memories of time spent together, Christmas cracker hats worn out on walks and dare I say, lost false teeth! I am so glad I had them in my life.

We have a new baby in our planned family gathering this year and for this we give God thanks. He is the centre of our lives, too small for presents but he'll get them anyway as he is loved and cherished by those who know him. This of course leads me straight back to that tiny child who should be at the centre of all our Christmas celebrations; the child born in a stable two thousand years ago, nestled in straw and visited by shepherds, angels and later Kings bearing unique gifts more suited for when he was older. As we are daily loved and cherished by God, may we all remember to give thanks this Christmas for the most special gift that he has given to all of us, 'a Saviour who is Christ the Lord.'

There will be a service at Beckingham on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> January and we will be having a Plough Sunday service at 11am at Rectory Farm. All welcome.

May your Christmas be peaceful and blessed.

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# The Beckingham & Sutton Bugle



December 2023

Beckingham and Sutton Village



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Happy Christmas everyone

For more village news and to stay up to date with the latest Parish Council business visit the Village website at: [www.beckinghamvillage.co.uk](http://www.beckinghamvillage.co.uk)

## Chatty Benches.....

In June 2022, Anchor launched a Chatty Bench campaign in a bid to combat loneliness and reduce social isolation.

Colourful signs are being added to both existing and newly installed benches up and down the country to show that by sitting on them, a person is happy to chat with whoever comes and sits next to them.

This simple idea aims to create more opportunities for people to get talking face to face. The chatty bench plaques act as a talking point and encourages those who see them to reach out and spark up conversations with the people around them.

The benches have proven incredibly popular with nearly 450 plaques being distributed to Anchor locations across the country across and they are not limited to Anchor properties, one of the largest shopping centres in Europe, Westfields

London, are introducing 10 plaques in the centre in November 2023 along with local parks and recreational grounds. Beckingham has already installed such a bench on Sleaford road, adjacent to the entrance to the cemetery.



'Many thanks to everyone who came to the Macmillan Coffee morning held in Beckingham Village Hall on Saturday 30 September. You very kindly contributed to the amount totalling £745 - thank you so much.

It was good to see everybody chatting to one another, eating the delicious cakes, and buying the raffle prizes (of which there were many!)

Best wishes, Jean, Angela, Pauline, Jenny and Peter'



North Kesteven DISTRICT COUNCIL

# North Kesteven's Christmas Collections

Everyone will see their bin collection days change over Christmas and New Year.

No side waste will be collected from alongside any bins.

CHRISTMAS WEEK - Normal collection days:	Collection day CHANGED to:
Monday 25 December	Saturday 23 December
Tuesday 26 December	Wednesday 27 December
Wednesday 27 December	Thursday 28 December
Thursday 28 December	Friday 29 December
Friday 29 December	Saturday 30 December

NEW YEAR WEEK - Normal collection days:	Collection day CHANGED to:
Monday 1 January	Tuesday 2 January
Tuesday 2 January	Wednesday 3 January
Wednesday 3 January	Thursday 4 January
Thursday 4 January	Friday 5 January
Friday 5 January	Saturday 6 January

Please have bins out by 6.30am on the appropriate collection day. From Monday 8 January 2024 all collections return to normal days.

Find your bin day anytime at [www.n-kesteven.gov.uk/findmybinday](http://www.n-kesteven.gov.uk/findmybinday)

Any extra waste or recycling that won't fit in your bin should be taken to a Household Waste Recycling Centre. Opening times are at [www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/recycling-waste](http://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/recycling-waste)

**RIGHT THING RIGHT BIN**

Please ensure only the right things go in the right bin. See [www.n-kesteven.gov.uk/recycling](http://www.n-kesteven.gov.uk/recycling)  
Batteries and electronics can't go in your bin - take to your Household Waste Recycling Centre instead. Glass or full wrapping paper and cards must go in the black bin to be made into electricity, along with food waste, newspapers and plastic bags.  
A reminder for our garden waste customers - collections reduce in December and January. Do check your collection calendar or [www.n-kesteven.gov.uk/findmybinday](http://www.n-kesteven.gov.uk/findmybinday)

Households with black bin collections which would fall on Monday 25 December will need to put their bin out instead on the Saturday before (23 December).

Each remaining black bin collection day in that week (from Tuesday 26 December onwards) will then take place one day later than usual, including collections on Saturday 30 December which will be for bins usually out on a Friday.

Across the following week, green-lidded bin collections will also take place one day later than usual. Households whose collections would fall on Monday 1 January for example will need to put their bins out instead on Tuesday 2 January, and so on until and including Saturday 6 January.





## Important dates for your 2024 diary!!!!

### 2024 Parish Council meetings

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January  
Wednesday 20<sup>nd</sup> March  
Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May Annual Meeting of the Parish Council and Annual Parish Meeting  
Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July  
Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September  
Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November  
Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November  
Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December



### A17 update.....

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**From:** Simon Jakeway <Simon\_Jakeway@n-kesteven.gov.uk>  
**Sent:** 07 November 2023 14:17  
**To:** Simon Jakeway  
**Subject:** RE: ENF 688051 – Land North of A17 near Beckingham Village

Dear Sir or Madam,

I write to provide a further update on the enforcement investigation into the Gypsy and Traveller site opposite Beckingham village, adjacent to the River Witham and the Sewage works.

Following the refusal in May 2022 of 17 planning applications and the dismissal in September of this year of the subsequent appeals, the High Court Injunction steps were triggered. This Injunction (agreed with the consent of both parties) required residential use of the site to cease and associated operational development to be removed within certain timelines.

A site visit was conducted today by myself and the head of Planning Enforcement, where it was determined that in accordance with this Injunction residential use of the land has now ceased. We also noted extensive ongoing works to clear the site. The site will now be monitored to ensure compliance with the steps of the Injunction.

Yours sincerely, Simon Jakeway



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### From Marianne

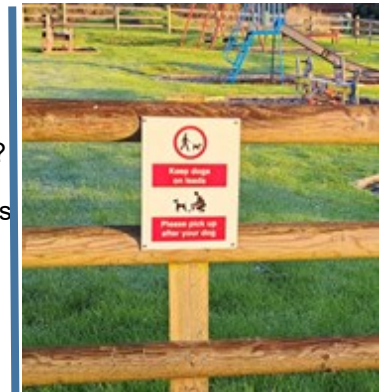
Any person whose home in North Kesteven was flooded between 19 October and 25 October 2023 as a direct result of Storm Babet can apply now for help. They may be eligible for this domestic property support of a one-off grant payment of £500 and 100% Council Tax exemption for a minimum of three months if: The property is their primary residence and floodwater entered into the habitable areas of the property making it unliveable or; The property is their primary residence and while water did not enter into the property the local authority regards that the residence was otherwise considered unliveable for over 48 hours. Second homes, empty properties and student accommodation are not eligible. Flooded gardens or garages will not usually mean someone is eligible for this help, unless they can demonstrate that it made the property unliveable.

Residents can apply online using the **domestic property form** at <https://www.n-kesteven.gov.uk/benefits-support/flood-recovery-domestic-commercial-properties>. Applications must be supported by evidence of the flooding such as photos and/or a copy of their insurance claim.

### Should Greater Lincolnshire have a Mayor?

The previous consultation in Lincolnshire made clear that people do not want an elected Mayor for the whole of North, Northeast Lincolnshire and Lincolnshire. We are a population of 1.1bn people spread over 7000km<sup>2</sup>. If we thought it was hard to influence County Council to provide good roads and services in our local areas, how much harder if the area is bigger still, with two thirds of the voting Councils being North and Northeast Lincolnshire?

The additional layer of Government would raise its own taxes on top of what we currently pay. Three District Councils would have no vote, but four of the seven may be allowed to sit at the table. In other areas, the relatively small amounts of money offered for the extra services was noticeably swallowed up in administration and redundancy payments. We want devolution of powers and money to our Councils as they are, without costly reorganization.



Please keep Beckingham tidy  
Please scoop

All contributions for the next Beckingham Bugle welcome. The deadline for the next March 2024 issue is February 14th 2024

**Beckingham.....towards a Greener future. The Parish Council needs your views on what might be possible**

**For example.....Bigby Parish**

*Bigby Parish is in the West Lindsey district of Lincolnshire it lies on the Viking Way and is situated about 10 miles south from the Humber Bridge and four miles (6 km) east from the town of Brigg. The village lies in the Lincolnshire Wolds, a designated Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.*

*Parish members began a discussion about developing 'Sustainable Village' during Covid Lockdown. A supportive local farmer has ex gravel pit land available, up to 54 hectares, and following a community survey of opinion the Parish Council appointed Arup as consultants.*

*The specification asked for a project that covered power generation as well as commercial possibilities. It was a very successful partnership that has produced very detailed 'prospectus' of strategic options for both power generation and sustainable business development looking forward to 2039. It feeds into national and international strategies for environment, and sustainable development, as well as the 'levelling up agenda' of the current UK Government. A critical factor for success was the willingness of the Parish Council, Landowner, and Arup staff to think creatively and their preparedness to welcome new insights and options.*

**For example..... Brassington**

Brassington is a village in Derbyshire, near Carsington Water, SW of Matlock. It has 233 houses, a primary school, two pubs and a village hall. 15 of the houses are holiday lets, 14 are second homes and 15 are listed as unoccupied. There are some farm buildings on the edge of the village but no other business premises.

Brassington is not on the main gas grid so most of the houses are heated by oil or LPG. As far as we are aware, 9 of the houses have individual air source heat pumps; 8 of these are Housing Association properties in the middle of the village. A heat network could offer an effective way of reducing the high carbon impacts of heating and hot water use in the village. It would also enable the removal of oil and LPG tanks, improve air quality in the village and remove the liability of replacing defunct boilers from individual householders

Challenges and risks Brassington offers several challenges: the houses are mostly pre-1900, there are very few commercial energy users, the roads are very narrow and many of the roads are built directly on to the bedrock making installing the pipework difficult. There is a 43m gradient across the village, and the geology is not very suitable for ground source boreholes. The only viable and sustainable solution appears to be using air source heat pumps using electricity from Carsington wind farm. However even this option only just breaks even over 30 years with a small rate of return over 40 years, despite receiving 50% capital funding through the Green Heat Network Fund.

**For example .....Village Green Wilsford**

*Wilsford Community Land Trust Ltd (WCLT) were formed in 2013 to help bring affordable homes to rent to the Village. As a consequence, they are the owners of the land the Village Hall and the land LincsRural's 10 neighbouring affordable homes are built on for which they receive a small annual ground rent.*

*WCLT supported the Village Hall Committee and submitted on their behalf a successful Lottery bid to refurbish the hall including extensive insulation measures. The next step was to find a green energy solution to replace the oil fired boiler and explore the possibilities for additional zero carbon solutions for the neighbouring properties and potentially the whole village.*

*They were encouraged to look at a microgrid and the resultant study involves an innovative scheme with ground source heat pumps behind the hall, solar panels on the hall roof, and on top of an eight-bay EV parking canopy on land opposite the affordable homes. Eight parking spaces with EV would be available to use by anyone in the village particularly important as there are many terraced homes. These shared resources would all be connected by a private wire from an energy centre with battery storage in the village hall and connected to the neighbouring homes. There would be an additional fast charge EV point at the Village Hall.*

*There could be savings of 75% on the expenditure for the homes alleviating fuel poverty and 35% on heating costs for the Village Hall.*

