



We are moving!!

All Parish Councils must by law have a publicly available website which as a minimum must, for example, display agenda for meetings three days before the meeting, draft minutes of a meeting within a month after the meeting and all the requirements for publication of the Annual Governance and Audit Report.

As many of you will know all of this has been available at www.beckinghamvillage.co.uk for the last thirteen years.

However the Government (in their wisdom!!) wishes this to change; that all councils from the smallest - -parish—to the largest - county council—adopt a domain name ending with the suffix .gov.uk

And it requires the site name itself to be chosen within strict limits.

So unfortunately we cannot become [www.beckingham-is-a nice-place.gov.uk](http://www.beckingham-is-a-nice-place.gov.uk)

Rather we had a choice of beckinghamparishcouncil.gov.uk
beckinghamparish.gov.uk or beckingham-pc.gov.uk

From **November 1st** our website will be beckinghamparish.gov.uk

The **Clerk's email address** will be clerk@beckinghamparish.gov.uk

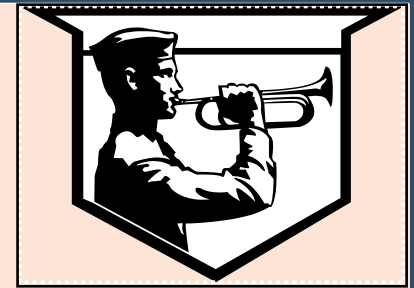
and the **Parish Council Chair's email address** will be

chair@beckinghamparish.gov.uk

The Beckingham & Sutton Bugle

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Beckingham and Sutton Village News and Information



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The future for Beckingham?

Where does the Local Government
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Village News.....

Success!!

The organ Celebration on June 19th was a good event. Many thanks to Jean Martin for organising it so well, and to Scott Toomer for leading it. The organ had been given to us by the Church of St Helen's, Burgh on Bain, in the north of Lincolnshire. Several of their members came to the evening. Their churchwarden gave a moving speech in which he thanked us for receiving the organ. They had expected that by now it would be in pieces waiting to be sold overseas. They were delighted that it is staying in Lincolnshire. They also said how well it fitted into our church. They had been given it many years ago by the owner of a manor house, but it did not fit properly into the space they had. The Blower, an integral part of the organ, had to be put alongside the organ, making it very obtrusive, whereas in Beckingham it fits into the correct space, behind the organ. At the Celebration we all had a good sing, and tasty refreshments.

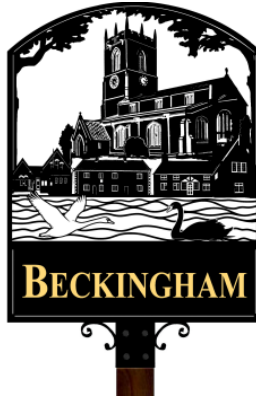
At the time of writing we are looking forward to our 'Last Night of the Proms' being organised by Rosemary Blakesley on September 11th.

Dates to look forward to.....

Harvest Festival - Sunday 11th October at 11.00 am followed by a Harvest Lunch at the Village Hall. Look out for more details. As usual we will be collecting non-perishable foods for the Newark Emmaus Trust, which cares for homeless young people. We hope that Clare Leggott will update us on what has been happening in her fields around the village, as she has done for the last two years.

Remembrance Sunday – Service at 10.45. Please come to remember those who died so that we could be free, and to pray for our Armed Forces as they continue to protect us. The new 'Remembrance Corner' by the Chatty Bench is a daily reminder of this. The Social Club will be open after the service.

Carol Service – Sunday 20th December at 6.00 pm. Please come along to sing your favourite Carols and to hear the Christmas story again. There will be mulled wine (soft drinks for children) and mince pies. As it's after the end of the school term we hope that more families will come along. As usual, we will be collecting toiletry items for the young people supported by the Newark Emmaus Trust and will also be supporting the Social Club charity of the year. The Social Club will be open after the service.



Pothole Pro proves its worth on Lincolnshire roads

Lincolnshire County Council's use of the JCB Pothole Pro is delivering results, helping repair roads faster, safer and more efficiently.

After a year-long trial, the machine exceeded its target, averaging 64m² of repairs per day against a goal of 60m². Its standout performance came on Bardney Causeway, where it helped deliver 376m² of repairs in a single day.

Monthly peak outputs averaged 121m² per day, with the best days throughout the trial covering a combined area equivalent to 101 parking spaces – all in just eight working days.

The machine was recently showcased at the county council's stand at the Lincolnshire Show with lots of interest from local residents.

With more than 5,500 miles of roads to maintain across Lincolnshire, the Pothole Pro has shown it can help tackle repairs quickly and effectively. Following the successful trial, it is now a permanent part of the county's highways fleet.

Don't forget that potholes and other highways faults can be reported online through [**Fix My Street**](#).

~ BECKINGHAM VILLAGE HALL SOCIAL CLUB EVENTS ~		
APRIL 2026 - Dates for your Diary		
MARCH Sat 07/03 – Craft 'n' Natter At: 10-12 noon No cost See: Alison Court@hotmail.com OR mob: 07954 173711 Sat 23/03 – Coffee Morning At: 10am – 12 Noon Cost: £2 pp Mon 23/03 – Thistle & Sketch At: 7pm Cost: £16.50 Sat 28/03 Quiz Night – with pizza At: 7.30pm Cost: £2 pp	APRIL Easter Weekend 02-06/04 Fri 24/04 – Songs of Praise in Church At: TBC Sat 25/04 – Quiz Night – With pizza At: 7:30pm Cost: £2 pp	MAY Sat 09/05 – Craft 'n' Natter At: 10-12 noon No cost See: Alison Court@hotmail.com OR mob: 07954 173711 Sat 09/05 – BINGO At: 7:30 Cost: £2 pp Sat 30/05 – FILM NIGHT – No Charge Showing "MOTHER'S PRIDE"
JUNE Sat 06/06 – Craft 'n' Natter At: 10-12 noon No cost See: Alison Court@hotmail.com OR mob: 07954 173711 13/06 – QUIZ NIGHT – With Pizza At: 8:30pm Cost: £2 pp World Cup starts	JULY Sat 04/07 – Craft 'n' Natter At: 10-12 noon No cost See: Alison Court@hotmail.com OR mob: 07954 173711 18/07 – MURDER MYSTERY NIGHT At: 7:30pm £5 pp Welcome drink included	AUGUST Sat 01/08 – Craft 'n' Natter At: 10-12 noon No cost See: Alison Court@hotmail.com OR mob: 07954 173711
SEPTEMBER Sat 05/09 – Craft 'n' Natter At: 10-12 noon No cost See: Alison Court@hotmail.com OR mob: 07954 173711 26/09 - Macmillan Coffee Morning At: 10:30 – 12:30 Cost: £5 pp Drink & cake included	OCTOBER Sat 03/10 – Craft 'n' Natter At: 10-12 noon No cost See: Alison Court@hotmail.com OR mob: 07954 173711 Sun 11/10 - Harvest Lunch At: 13:00 Cost: TBC Conkers – TBC	NOVEMBER Sat 07/11 – Craft 'n' Natter At: 10-12 noon No cost See: Alison Court@hotmail.com OR mob: 07954 173711 Sun 08/11 - Remembrance Service At: 10:45 at the Church
DECEMBER Sat 05/12 – Craft 'n' Natter At: 10-12 noon No cost See: Alison Court@hotmail.com OR mob: 07954 173711 Mon 07/12 – Wreath Making At: 6.30pm Cost: £30.00 pp	DECEMBER (Cont) Thurs 17/12 – Black Swan Dinner At: 7:00pm to 7:15pm to be seated. Cost: TBC Sat 20/12 – Christmas Church Carols At: 6pm at the Church	Additional social club events to plan: • Cocktail Night • Indoor League

This calendar of events will be updated throughout the year as additional events are confirmed



New Rector

Together with the other nine parishes and ten churches that make up our group we have prepared a 'Parish Profile' describing our churches and parishes, and what we and the Diocese can offer a new Incumbent. The Profile will be sent out in September and we hope that someone will be attracted to our group. We need a Rector with a heart for rural villages and enough experience to cope with such a complex group.

Please support your local church!

It has stood here for over 800 years and is part of our joint heritage to look after. Think not only of the building, but also of the people of this village over these years: so many baptisms, weddings, and funerals. (We are one of only a small number of churches which have records of these going back to 1533). Think of those who have found in this church comfort and help, forgiveness and strength to face the difficulties of life, and have celebrated here! We know that today people pop in for a few minutes of peace and quiet amid the busyness of life, as they have done for generations. Please help us to ensure that we are not the generation which sees the end of all this.

As the saying goes 'Use it or lose it'.

If you are worried about a suspected case of abuse (physical, emotional, financial) please contact the Lincolnshire County Safeguarding Team. Your conversation will be kept confidential.

- Children's safeguarding - 01522 782111 (Monday to Friday, 8am to 6pm)
 - Adults safeguarding - 01522 782155 (Monday to Friday, 8am to 6pm)
- 01522 782333 (outside office hours)

Or in an emergency phone the police on 999.

And now we are five.....

Beckingham Parish Council welcomes its new Councillor Neil Matson



Hello my name is Neil Matson and I have lived in the Village since 1982.

My wife and I have three daughters all of whom live locally.

We enjoy living in Beckingham because it is nice, quiet and friendly

I have run the Youth Club with my wife for eighteen years,

I have also been on Village Hall and Playing Field committees in the past.



Lincolnshire County Council's Executive has approved a package of improvements to modernise the county's 11 Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRCs) and improve the experience for residents.

The changes include introducing a booking system and investing in site improvements to help reduce queues, improve safety, increase recycling rates and ensure the service remains sustainable for the future. The decision follows a detailed review which found visitor numbers and waste volumes have risen significantly in recent years, placing increasing pressure on existing sites.

Lincolnshire's HWRCs now receive around 1.2 million visits each year and handle approximately 66,700 tonnes of household waste annually. Feedback from more than 2,000 residents highlighted reducing queues, better traffic management and improving the overall customer experience as key priorities.

The booking system will help spread visits more evenly throughout the day, improving access to sites and reducing congestion. Residents without internet access will still be able to book by telephone, and same-day bookings will be available where capacity allows.

The new system will not be introduced immediately. The council will now begin procurement and infrastructure work, alongside a communications and engagement programme to ensure residents are well informed before any changes are implemented.

All contributions for the next Beckingham Bugle welcome. The deadline for the next December 2026 issue is November 11th 2026

Transport Options in Lincolnshire

Helping people get to where they want to go in Lincolnshire



Service	Details	
Transport Helpline Lincolnshire	Need help with transport in Lincolnshire? The Transport Helpline will point you in the right direction. From regular bus and rail services to rural on demand routes and community or volunteer transport for extra support, there are plenty of ways to get where you need to be. Available Monday – Friday 9:30am – 5:30pm and Saturday 9:30am – 4:00pm	0345 456 44 74
Call-connect Advanced Bookings	Use this number for all advance bookings Monday – Friday 8:30am – 6:30pm Saturday 9:00am – 5:00pm Lincolnshire	0345 234 3344
Call-connect South Lincolnshire	Stamford, Bourne, Rutland & Peterborough areas 8:00am – 6:00pm	0345 263 8153
Dial-A-Ride Lincoln	Lincoln and surrounding villages (10-mile radius) - Booking Line and General Enquiries	01522 544 983
Greater Lincolnshire Community Voluntary Car Scheme Contacts		
Boston Community Transport	10:30am to 2:00pm - Monday to Friday	01205 360183
Louth and surrounding areas	9:00am to 2:00pm - Monday to Friday	01507 609535
Sutton-on-Sea and surrounding areas	9:00am to 1:00pm - Monday to Friday	01507 442502
Spalding and Cowbit	9:00am to 12noon and 2:00pm to 4:00pm - Monday to Friday	07514 971628
Pinchbeck	10:00am to 2:00pm - Monday to Friday	07514 971781
Holbeach	10:00am to 4:00pm - Monday to Friday	07514 964713
Crowland	09:30am to 12:30pm - Monday to Friday	01733 211797

Telephone Numbers to help people connect

Contact numbers to connect with others to reduce loneliness



Organisation	Further Details	
Age UK Lincolnshire	Charity supporting older people, families, and carers. befriending, home help, information and advice, telecare and response, hospital discharge and more.	01522 696000
Citizens Advice Lincoln & Lindsey	Provides free, confidential and independent advice to people who may have money, benefit, housing or employment problems.	08082787904
Citizens Advice South Lincolnshire		08082787996
Citizens Advice Mid Lincs		08082787942
Lincolnshire Community and Voluntary Service	Charity with the core purpose of helping people improve their health. Promote volunteering, self-esteem, wellbeing in Boston, S. Holland, E. Lindsey, S Kesteven.	01205 510888
Lincolnshire Transport Helpline	Transport options including. Local Transport, Timetable Information, Voluntary Car Scheme, Hospital Transport, Concessionary Passes, Call-Connect and more.	03454 564474
Social Prescribing Team (LCVS)	Social Prescribing Link Workers offer one-to-one support, to help people connect with interests. Arts/craft groups to activities, exercise, such as gardening and dance clubs.	01522 551683
SSAFA – Armed Forces (National)	The Armed Forces charity, trusted support for serving personnel, veterans and their families. We are open 09:00 - 17:00, Monday to Thursday, and 09:00 - 16:00 on Friday.	08002606780
The Silver Line Helpline (National)	A free, confidential telephone service that offers friendship, conversation and support to older people – 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, 7 days a week.	08004708090
Voluntary Centre Services (North Kest)	A local charity with the core purpose of helping people, particularly at transition points in their lives, improve their health. We promote volunteering, self-esteem, wellbeing.	01529 308450
Voluntary Centre Services (Lincoln)		01522 551683
Voluntary Centre Services (West Lindsey)		01427 613470
VSS – Veterans Support Service	Delivers support and services to improve the health and wellbeing.	01775 422802
Wellbeing Lincs	Help you improve your confidence, and independence.	01522 782140
YMCA Lincolnshire	Delivers a range of projects across rural communities in partnership with other orgs.	07803858730
Community Wellbeing Hubs provide advice & support if you have a mental health issue. Hubs are supported by Community Connectors providing free, confidential support and advice and signpost you to other services in the local area, helping reduce loneliness and isolation.		
Arise Church Lincoln	Wellbeing Café men's and women's activities, seasonal events.	01522 694694

Beckingham Village Hall Social Club opened in July of 2017.

At that time our village pub had closed and we felt that the village needed a place for people to meet and share the company of others. The initial committee of seven villagers set to work to transform the rarely used Village Hall into what has now become a warm and welcoming space to all.

We welcome applications at the cost of only £10 per year from all residents of Beckingham and Sutton cum Beckingham and try to offer something for everyone.

We have held multiple quiz nights, Conker Championships, Maggot Racing, Wreath Making, Race Nights, Murder Mysteries, Floral Arranging, Cocktail Evening, Cider and Sausage Tasting, Macmillan Coffee Mornings, Christmas Parties, Rugby 6 Nations, Art Classes- the list goes on.....

To date we have raised over £13,000 for various charities. Every year at our AGM in September members can nominate then vote for their charity of choice. Since September last year our current chosen charity Sophie's Journey – who provide free holidays to children with cancer in Lincolnshire at Golden Sands Holiday Park in Mablethorpe- has received £2262. This from raffles, scratch cards, quiz nights and ticket sales at our New Years Eve event.

Our opening hours are- Wednesdays from 2pm, Fridays from 7pm, Saturdays from 4pm, Sundays from 2pm Our club is run on a completely volunteer basis from both committee members and bar staff volunteers.

Members also enjoy a monthly 'Breakfast Club' where local establishments are booked and their fayre is sampled, sometimes folk get together to enjoy a trip to the cinema and our latest addition is a 'Craft and Natter' session to be held monthly on a Saturday morning.

If you have never been into our Village Hall why not pop in during our open hours and take a look? If you're an existing member and have any ideas or suggestions for an event, please do let us know. If you're not a member and are interested in joining, please do get in touch with me at Wend68@btinternet.com It's a great club to be a part of!

Wendy Williams

Chair—Beckingham Village Hall Social Club



Decision on Local Government Reorganisation in Greater Lincolnshire

The expectation is that the new councils will come into effect 1 April 2028 – “Vesting Day” - with elections to the “shadow councils” in May 2027.

These “shadow council” elections will replace the elections that would have otherwise been due for Lincolnshire district councils in May 2027. The current understanding is that Town and Parish Council elections scheduled for May 2027 will continue as planned.

The creation of these two new unitary councils will see the abolition on 31 March 2028 of Lincolnshire County Council and all seven of the District Councils in Lincolnshire.

These existing councils will continue to provide their full range of services until 31 March 2028 and there will be no changes to council services, governance arrangements or day to day operations.

On Thursday, July 16 the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, Steve Reed MP, announced his intention for local government reorganisation in Greater Lincolnshire.

In line with the proposal submitted by City of Lincoln Council he intends to set up two new unitary councils with the following geographic footprints:

City of Lincoln Council will comprise the council area currently covered by City of Lincoln (district) Council whilst also taking around half of North Kesteven and one-third of West Lindsey.

The following North Kesteven council wards fall within the expanded city council area:

Bassingham Rural, Bracebridge Heath, Branston, Heighington & Washingborough, Hykeham Central, Hykeham Fosse, Hykeham Memorial, Metherringham Rural, Navenby & Brant Broughton, Skellingthorpe & Eagle, Waddington Rural, Witham St Hughs & Swinderby.

We currently understand that the following North Kesteven Town and Parish Councils would fall within the

expanded city council area:

Aubourn with Haddington, Bassingham, **Beckingham**, Blankney, Boothby Graffoe, Bracebridge Heath, Branston and Mere, Brant Broughton and Stragglethorpe, Canwick, Carlton-le-Moorland, Coleby, Doddington and Whisby, Dunston, Eagle and Swinethorpe, Harmston, Heighington, Leadenham, Metherringham, Navenby, Nocton, North Hykeham, North Scarle, Norton Disney Potterhanworth, Skellingthorpe, South Hykeham, Stapleford, Swinderby, Thorpe on the Hill, Thurlby, Waddington, Washingborough, Welbourn, Wellingore, Witham St. Hughs

Lincolnshire Council will comprise the council areas currently covered by Boston, East Lindsey, South Holland and South Kesteven, plus the remaining parts of North Kesteven and West Lindsey.

The existing unitary councils - North Lincolnshire Council and North East Lincolnshire Council - are not affected by this announcement and as such will have no direct involvement in the implementation of the new unitary authorities for Lincolnshire.

The final names for both of the two new unitaries remain to be formally confirmed.

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