



## Community update

Inspector Chris Jury has taken over as the neighbourhood policing inspector. [Christopher.Jury@Notts.Police.uk]

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See <https://www.nottinghamshire.police.uk/neighbourhood/calverton-ravenshead-and-villages> On there you will find

- A monthly blog - free to all members of the public
- A link to email [gedling.northnpa@nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:gedling.northnpa@nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk)
- Contact details for our designated PCSO support.
- A link to up to date crime data for the area through police.uk (Direct link is <https://www.police.uk/nottinghamshire/31-28/>)
- Up-to-date media/social media releases and information about action on the local priorities - burglary /autocrime etc

There have been recent incidents of anti-social behaviour in the parish. It is important that we work together to keep the facilities safe and usable. It is worth remembering that CCTV operates at the village hall and around the locality.

If you have any concerns about anti-social behaviour (**but the circumstances are not an emergency**) or to report a crime that has already happened, you should use the non-emergency numbers 101 or 112. **If a crime is in progress, you should use 999.**

**To report: LITTER / FLY TIPPING / GRAFFITI**

Please contact Gedling Borough Council on TEL: 0115 901 3901

or via the website <https://apps.gedling.gov.uk/forms/default.aspx?formid=108>

### Defibrillators

There are Defibrillators available **at the Village Hall 24 hours a day**, and one **at the Pumping Station during Opening Hours**. A defibrillator has been installed **at the Cricket Club available to the public 24 hours each day**. The defibrillator located in the Village Hall is on the right hand side of the porch, in a bright yellow container.

The machines are available for use by any member of the public. They can only be used after obtaining a code by dialling 999. The code you receive unlocks the key safe at the side of the yellow box. Please replace the key after use.

The machines are fully automatic with a simple two-step process that gives the first person to respond to a cardiac arrest the confidence they need to help save a life. A responder only needs to turn on the device and apply the electrode pads to the victim. The fully automatic nature of the machine is designed to deliver a shock only if it determines that a heart needs it. No one even needs to press a 'shock' button.



**Next Full Council Meeting (and Annual Parish Assembly) will be at the Village hall on 9th March 2022 at 7:15pm including an Open Forum discussion**

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## PAPPLEWICK PARISH COUNCIL

### NEWSLETTER

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Your seven parish councillors are all local residents who work on a voluntary basis to maintain and improve the facilities in the parish.

This year, with ever increasing costs, it has been necessary for the Parish Council to increase the annual precept (tax raised via the Gedling Borough Council annual rates invoice) up to a total of £19,905. Currently the parish precept is 2.2% of the total Council Tax bill (band D). This increase equates to an additional weekly charge of 52p per household. Last year the Council capped its increase to 0.4%. However, the Parish Council needs to increase the 2022/23 precept to cover its increasing costs, including wages and legal obligations. Some costs are much the same for all parishes, so they are disproportionately greater per property for smaller ones like Papplewick. All costs are carefully scrutinised and we always seek competitive quotes for work and services.

This decision has not been taken lightly, and we wanted to take the opportunity to share with you some information about the things that the precept needs to cover within the annual budget: The Parish Council is responsible for, amongst other things, Church Lane maintenance, QE2 Playing Field maintenance (including mowing, tree management and maintenance of the play equipment), public liability insurance, digital presence and compliance. The costs for all of these items has steadily increased. Unfortunately, although we would like to be able to absorb the increases this has not been possible within our overall budget. Additionally, we seek and obtain grants or donations where possible to make our funds go further.

Your Parish Council meets on the second Wednesday of every alternative month (Jan, Mar, May, July, Sept, Nov) in the Village Hall. Each meeting starts at 7.15pm with an open forum for any parishioners to discuss concerns or issues they may have. All are welcome to join us.

Stephanie Roberts (Chairman)

### GREAT BRITISH SPRING CLEAN

Could you spare a couple of hours to directly improve our environment? You may have noticed the rubbish that accumulates alongside our roads and paths. We are participating in the **Great British Spring Clean**, a national campaign, in association with the 'Keep Britain Tidy' charity.



Volunteers are invited to meet at the Griffin's Head at **9:30am on Saturday 9th April 2022**. From 10am until about 12:00 we will work in small teams to clear as much rubbish as possible from roadsides and open spaces in the parish.

We have adapted our method of working to counter the risk of Covid-19. Please bring gloves. Bags and Hi-Viz will be supplied. To assist with planning, **you should sign-up in advance**. Please **contact the Clerk** if you are willing to help out.

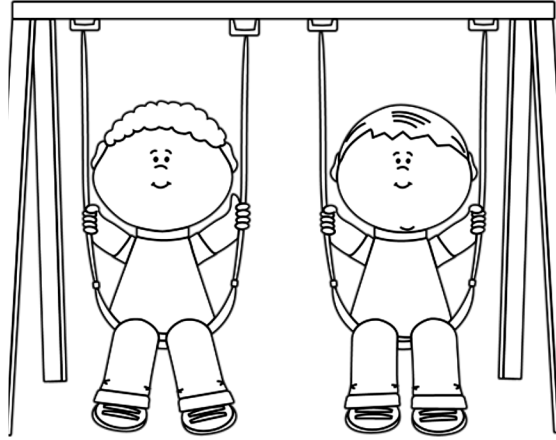
**Walking for health:** At this time of year we start to think about the mud drying up and getting out to walk in the beautiful English Countryside again, but where to find new and interesting walks?

**Walking in Nottinghamshire** <https://www.walkinginengland.co.uk/notts> has hundreds of walks to download and freely print; it also has books of walks, details of all the walking groups in the county and much more. Whether you want to walk on your own or with a group all the information is there in one place.

# News from around the Parish

## The Queen Elizabeth II playground .... developments

All equipment on the playing field is owned and maintained by the Parish Council, not Gedling Borough Council. The Council have repaired the damaged safety surface surrounding the roundabout. All other equipment has been refurbished where necessary.



You may have noticed that in recent months the wheeled activity equipment on the playing field has been out of action. This followed an annual insurance inspection which identified a number of significant repairs necessary. The Council is currently working with local volunteers to agree a design for a replacement wheeled activity area. We are hoping to apply for grant funding to cover some of the cost of this work. Watch this space for further updates. For more information email [clerk@papplewick.org](mailto:clerk@papplewick.org).

## Planning applications

The Parish Council is consulted about planning applications made within the Parish, typically there are two or more cases each month. These relate to various works ranging from managing trees to major infrastructure projects. Most involve modifications or additions to buildings.

The final decision on all applications is made either by Gedling's planning department on minor matters, or the Borough Council planning committee. Not all applications are approved, and sometimes consent is given, but with conditions. A planning rejection is disappointing and can be costly for the applicant.

Papplewick has a Neighbourhood plan, developed with community engagement, Gedling have their published planning policy, which has a section about development within the Green belt (in which this parish sits). If you are thinking of submitting a planning application we would encourage you, or your advisers to align the application with these documents to increase the chances of a successful application.

**Flooding** Keeping watercourses clear and maintained is important to manage surface water, prevent flooding and improve habitats for wildlife. Streams, rivers, brooks, culverts and roadside ditches are all watercourses, but did you know that if you have any of these running through underneath or next to your property, it is your responsibility to look after them? This is called Riparian Ownership.

The County Council has just published a useful leaflet explaining what this is about.



## Papplewick and Linby Village Hall

The Village Hall AGM will be held on 6th April, and is open to all members who wish to attend. The current secretary will be standing down at this meeting, and we are on the lookout for someone to take on this voluntary position.

We are pleased to report that the Hall is now fully reopened to all of its regular hirers, and is available for bookings for functions and events.

For more information, or if you have booking enquiries, please contact Sarah Slack, our Hall Manager, on 07817 649643, or email [pandlvillagehall@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:pandlvillagehall@hotmail.co.uk)

## Moor Pond Woods Project

**Nestboxes:** In 2021 the group installed more than 60 nest boxes in the woods, doubling the previous number. In addition 33 bat-boxes were erected. These were all sponsored by the Co-op Community Fund, and we are very grateful for their support. When we checked them in the autumn, more than half had successful nests last year.



**Path works:** The group was awarded a Local Improvement Scheme Grant by the County Council, to pay for upgrading the paths around Papplewick Dam Wood, to the benefit of all users, but particularly those with pushchairs or limited mobility. The next phase is to relay the paths near the fishing pond. We have already replaced the footbridge over the river. Some work has also been carried out near the waterfall, to limit erosion.

**Volunteering:** The Covid-19 lockdowns emphasised the value of the project area as a green space for recreation. The Friends group has got a backlog of maintenance, because of the limitations of meeting in groups. Would you have some time to help by volunteering? We are about to organise a new timetable of dates starting in March.

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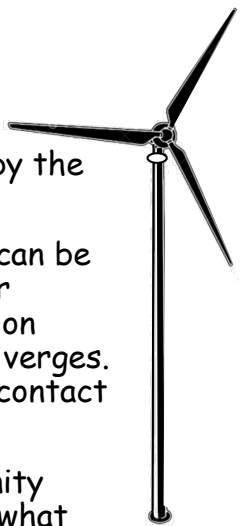


## Papplewick Environment and Community Fund

The Marshall family are donating £2000 per year from the income generated by the Barracks wind turbine into a fund to improve the local environment.

The fund is administered by a Parish Council Working Party. Funding applications can be made by any person or group who have an idea which will benefit the community or improve the environment. This year it is planned that the fund will provide a seat on Stanker Hill. We are also exploring the idea of planting more wildflowers on road verges. If you would like to know more about the fund and how it is administered, please contact the Clerk by email ([clerk@papplewick.org](mailto:clerk@papplewick.org)).

If you have a good idea about an environmental project that would have a community benefit please let us know. The working party will meet in Autumn 2022 to agree what plans can be made for the next round of funding.



## Roadworks—Moor Road and Papplewick Lane

Work on the new roundabout at the Moor Road / Papplewick Lane junction began in January and is due to be completed over the weekend of 1st May 2022.

## Papplewick Village Fayre - update for your diary

An update for your diary. The Pappfest event is being planned for **Saturday 3rd September 2022**. Please watch out for updates and more information in the coming months.