

BARROWBY NEWS

BARROWBY NEWS AND INFORMATION

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HAVE YOUR SAY ON THE FUTURE OF BARROWBY PARISH

Barrowby Parish Council has launched a community consultation and we are asking as many residents as possible to take part.

It should only take around 10 minutes to complete, but it will provide valuable evidence and help with prioritisation and future direction for the Parish Council.

This is not just a “nice to have” survey. Resident feedback is extremely important because it helps the Parish Council to:

- support future grant applications;
- show evidence of community need;
- prioritise projects fairly;
- understand what matters most in different areas of the parish; and
- make better-informed decisions on future spending and improvements.

The consultation asks about street lighting, road safety, defibrillators, the Reading Room and Pavilion, open spaces, the Pony Paddock, village events, Barrowby News, newer development areas and how the Parish Council communicates with residents.

One immediate issue is **street lighting on Casthorpe Road**. SKDC has identified longer gaps in lighting and suggested three possible additional lights. However, SKDC has asked the Parish Council to consult residents before this can progress.

We would also particularly like to hear from **The Colleys residents**. The consultation includes questions about newer development areas, including roads, footpaths, lighting, open spaces, play provision, litter, bins and unfinished works. This feedback will help inform our discussions with the developer and relevant authorities.

There is also a question about dog waste and litter bins at The Colleys. Additional dog waste bins could be installed sooner, but this may increase residents' management fees. The alternative is to wait until the roads are adopted, when SKDC may be able to install litter bins without an additional management fee charge, although there is currently no timescale for this.

You do not need to answer every question – please complete the sections that matter most to you.

Complete the consultation online: <https://forms.office.com/e/C0uVG42EXz>

Paper copies are available on request. email: clerk@barrowbyparishcouncil.gov.uk

Thank you for helping shape the future of Barrowby Parish.

Barrowby Parish Council
Community Feedback



We are saddened to report the sudden and tragic loss of Jennifer Pinner. Jen was well known to many in Barrowby as the sub-postmistress of Barrowby Post office for several years until it finally closed its doors in April 2023.

In particular Jen will always be remembered for her commitment and service to our community during the difficult Covid times.

Our thoughts and condolences are with Jen's family and friends.

Jen's funeral is to be held on **Friday 26 June at 11:30 a.m.** at Grantham Crematorium, to be followed by a wake at The White Swan, Barrowby.

All who wish to remember Jen and pay their respects to her family are welcome.

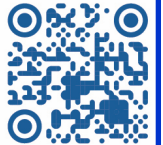


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BARROWBY FLOWERS

The Barrowby Flowers Group are pleased to inform residents that they are now going through to the voting stage of Lincolnshire Co-op Community Champions. Success in this application will give valuable support to the group to enable them to continue to make Barrowby bloom.

Dividend card holders can vote for the community group they wish to support.

Go to www.lincolnshirecoop/ccvote and look for Barrowby Flowers under the community 'West Grantham'. Remember to have your dividend card handy.

**Voting is open to all card holders
from 01 June - 14 June 2026**

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BARROWBY PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL PARISH MEETING - WEDNESDAY 13th MAY

The Annual Parish Meeting had been planned to take place at The Willows, to mark the grand opening of the Community Orchard - however the weather had other ideas, and the meeting was instead held at the Reading Room. Sadly, despite notices being posted and published, and the contingency location being published in last month's issue of the Barrowby News, very few villagers attended. Residents from The Colleys attended and were welcomed.

The chairman of Barrowby Parish Council, Nigel Eaton, made the following address.

Barrowby Parish Council – Achievements 2025/2026 Financial Year

Governance & Administration

- A new Parish Council website launched, bringing council business and village information together for the growing parish.
 - A full suite of modern policies adopted including IT, GDPR, Media, AI, and Volunteer policies – ensuring the Council operates to the highest standards.
 - The External Audit concluded successfully, with LALC appointed as Internal Auditor for two years.
 - The 2026/27 precept set at £81,000, with earmarked reserves of £25,000 for community site developments and £10,000 for major projects.
 - The SCRIBE online booking system introduced for the Reading Room, modernising community facility hire.
- A huge congratulations to our **Clerk Claire Vink** and **RFO Colin Billing** on completing their first year in post – their dedication and professionalism have been outstanding and we are immensely grateful.

Planning & Protecting the Village

- The Barrowby Neighbourhood Plan was submitted to SKDC in September 2025, with public consultation opening January–March 2026 – a landmark achievement after years of hard work.
- The Council unanimously voted to oppose both the 90-home Rectory Lane application and the 195-home Grange Paddock application.
- A formal Parish Poll was held in October 2025, giving residents a democratic voice on development.
- Barrowby joined the Combined Parish Partnership of A1 corridor villages, strengthening our collective voice on planning and highways.
- A dedicated Planning Working Group was formed to provide a co-ordinated response to ongoing development pressures.

Environment & Green Spaces

- SKDC 'Make Space for Nature' funding secured, delivering over 60 bird, bat, and habitat boxes across the village.
- The Community Orchard project completed, with heritage trees planted with grant support.
- New hedging, tree works, specialist grass maintenance, and new litter and dog waste bins on the Lowfields all completed.
- The '20's Plenty' speed reduction initiative launched, with the first volunteer meeting planned for May.

Community Life

- A memorial bench approved in memory of the late John Fairhurst, much-loved landlord of the White Swan. We also pause to reflect on the sad passing of Jennifer Pinner our former sub-postmistress and strong community supporter, sending our best wishes to her family and friends.
- Christmas trees erected across the village by a wonderful team of councillors and volunteers.
- A Welcome Letter approved for all new residents moving into the parish's growing number of new-build homes.



Thank You to Our Volunteers

A massive thank you to every volunteer who makes Barrowby the community it is:

RAGS – for driving the orchard, biodiversity boxes, street trees, and Lowfields maintenance. Your work is transforming the village.

The Flower Group – , whose enthusiasm has kept Barrowby in beautiful bloom throughout the seasons, now led by new Chair **Ashley**.

Barrowby Action Group (BAG) – for their incredible hard work and support with planning applications, mobilising residents, running surgeries, and fighting tirelessly to protect our village's future. You have been magnificent.

Barrowby News – for keeping the whole community informed and connected, reaching over 1,200 households every month. The team does a wonderful job but needs new volunteers – please do get in touch if you can help keep this vital community resource going.

Thank you all – councillors, staff, and volunteers alike – for an extraordinary year.

BARROWBY NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE

SKDC has passed the Barrowby Neighbourhood Plan and the associated comments received from SKDC's consultation to the Independent Inspector for the next stage in the process.

Due to a recent change in the legal requirements we have been asked for a revised Basic Conditions Statement. This is a technicality which is being addressed by our Planning Consultant but it will add a delay of a couple of weeks to the process. Once completed the Inspector will decide on the next steps but ultimately will issue his report, which we hope will be to proceed to the referendum.

We anticipate that the referendum will take place later in the summer. It is imperative that the Neighbourhood Plan receives village support at the referendum as without an adopted Neighbourhood Plan we have no defence whatsoever against speculative planning applications.

DIARY DATES - APRIL/MAY 2026

Thurs 28 May: Barrowby Cricket sessions begin 6:00 pm Lowfields

Thurs 28 May: Deadline for objections to **S25/2471**

Sun 31 May: 'Playboy of the Western World' NT Live 6:30 pm Memorial Hall £10 (cert PG) (cake £3)

Mon 1 June: Mobile Library 2 - 3 pm Co-op Car Park Low Road

Mon 1 - 14 June: voting for Barrowby Flowers Co-op Community Champions application

Sat 6 June: Great Big Green Week launch 10 am - 3 pm The Duck Woolsthorpe by Belvoir

Tues 9 June: 'Song Sung Blue' Open Door 7 pm Memorial Hall £5 (cert 12)

Sun 28 Jun: 'Les Liaisons Dangereuses' NT Live 6:30 pm Memorial Hall (cert 15) £10

Mon 29 June: Mobile Library 2 - 3 pm Co-op Car Park Low Road

Tues 14 July: 'H is for Hawk' 7 pm Memorial Hall (cert 12) £5

BARROWBY ACTION GROUP - NEW DOCUMENTS, SAME PROBLEMS

Barrowby Consultation for "Land Off Grange Paddock S25/2471"- Deadline Extended to Thursday 28th May

Barrowby did a fantastic job in February by submitting over 500 objections against the Grange Paddock proposal. However, the developer (William Davis Ltd) has responded with revised plans. BAG emphasizes that these new documents do not fix any of the core issues plaguing the 195-home application (Reference: **S25/2471**) on the 14.8-hectare site.

While a previous deadline was set for Friday 15th May, the community now has until **28 May 2026** to send objections to the South Kesteven District Council (SKDC). This extension offers a final opportunity to protect the village's rural identity and Grade 1 agricultural land from aggressive overdevelopment.

If residents only have a couple of minutes, they should write to SKDC to state that their original objection still stands and that the new documents fix nothing. Every unique, localized objection helps influence planning officers and protects the village in future appeals.

All formal comments must be submitted before the extended deadline on **Thursday, 28 May 2026**.

You can submit your objections online via the South Kesteven District Council Planning Portal or by emailing planning@southkesteven.gov.uk. You must include the planning reference **S25/2471** and your full postal address.

Guidance on objection points can be downloaded from the Barrowby Action Group Facebook page or contact the group at barrowbyactiongroup@gmail.com for additional information.

BARROWBY CUBS AND SCOUTS NEWS

ST GEORGE'S DAY PARADE

In April Barrowby Beavers, Cubs and Scouts took part in the St George's Day Parade in Grantham. This is an annual parade when we get to come together with everyone in Scouts and Guides across the Grantham area and reflect on the principles that underpin our movement. During the service, we celebrate achievements across the organisation and reflect on our values - this is vital to the future of Scouts and Guiding.

FIRE STATION VISIT

Barrowby Cubs have been completing their personal safety and fire safety badges. They have explored how to keep themselves safe to prevent a fire like boiler checks and smoke/CO2 alarms. They looked at emergency evacuation routes in case of a fire in their home, which resulted in some practice drills for some families with the cubs taking home what they had learnt. To round up the badge, we visited Grantham Fire station to learn about the hard work they do to keep us safe and even had hands on experience with the hose pipes.



GRANTHAM CANAL SOCIETY EVENTS

Our Craft Fair at the end of April was extremely successful with our boat trips being almost sold out, our barbecue doing a roaring trade all day, and our homemade cakes proving to be as popular as ever. A new addition to our repertoire is a collection of popular recipes from our small army of bakers, available to purchase at merely £5.

We hosted a Local Authority Day with the intention of promoting our work to Local, District and County councillors and several MPs. It was a successful day, with lots of positive feedback from all visitors.

Our next big project will be on **Saturday 6th June 2026** between 10 and 3 pm. SKDC are holding their **Big Green Week** event at our depot behind the Duck pub in Woolsthorpe by Belvoir. It is a free event, with the emphasis being on sustainability and recycling. There will be a barbecue, refreshments and **FREE** boat trips - we are certain they will prove popular, so come early to avoid disappointment!

GARDENERS' ASSOCIATION: TIPS FOR JUNE



In the garden:

- Lawns: continue mowing and spike the ground to allow water penetration.
- Mulch dahlias to preserve moisture and prevent weeds.
- Water gladioli.
- Start lifting spring bulbs and place them in shallow boxes.

On the plot:

- Train in new shoots of blackberry, loganberry and other hybrids.
- Protect red, white and blackcurrants with netting.
- Plant brussel sprouts, cabbage and broccoli.
- Plant marrows and outdoor tomatoes.
- Sow swede and beetroot.

NATHAN TAYLOR - LONDON MARATHON RUN



Thanks to all of the support from the village, and especially Barrowby News. Two goals were set out once my place was accepted.

One was to beat the fundraising total from 2024, which we achieved, raising over **£5500** for Children with Cancer UK. Secondly to beat my marathon time of 4:07 in 2024.

It was an incredibly challenging day with the numbers of runners taking part and the weather making it a very warm day. All things considered sub 4 was a massive achievement completing it in **3:54**.

Congratulations Nathan, from the Barrowby News team.

WHITE SWAN CRIBBAGE TEAM SUCCESS

Having attracted 7 new members following last season's appeal for new players, the White Swan Cribbage Team has had a successful season.

At the Annual Presentation evening on Friday 15th May the team was presented with 2 trophies, having come second in the Talc Cup (4 a side) and second overall in the League.

Friendly training sessions for new players will be held on Tuesday evenings at the White Swan during the summer - new players always welcome.

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH BARROWBY SERVICES

Sunday 31st May
10:00 am Café Church

Sunday 7th June
8:30 am Matins and prayer
10:00 am Sunday Praise

Sunday 14th June
10:00 am Holy Communion

Sunday 21st June
8:30 am BCP Holy Communion
10:00 am All Age Service

Sunday 28th June
10:00 am Morning Prayer

Children's and Young people's groups :
Term time only
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