

BARROWBY NEWS

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BARROWBY VOLUNTEER GROUP WINS PRESTIGIOUS AWARD



Huge congratulations are in order for Barrowby's Recreation and Green Space Group, better known as RAGS, who have won the **Pride in Your Community Space Award** at the South Kesteven District Council Community Awards. This award recognises the people and groups who give their time and energy to help keep local towns, villages and green spaces attractive, welcoming and cared for.

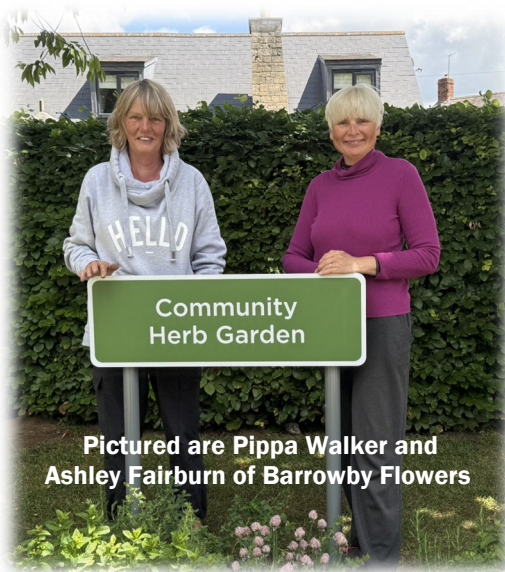
RAGS' award is very well deserved. Over recent years the group has made a fantastic contribution to Barrowby, planting trees, hedges and pollinator-friendly flowers, creating wildlife habitats, installing bird boxes, bat boxes and bug hotels, and helping to improve green spaces across the village. Their work includes planting at Lowfields, the burial ground and the Village Green, supporting the community apple orchard and helping to develop wider environmental projects for the village. Just as importantly, RAGS brings people together, with local volunteers giving their time to make Barrowby greener, more wildlife-friendly and more enjoyable for everyone.

Barrowby Parish Council would like to say a heartfelt thank you and congratulations to everyone involved in RAGS. This award is a wonderful recognition of your hard work, enthusiasm and pride in our village.

COMMUNITY HERB BED OFFICIALLY OPEN!

A community herb garden has been officially opened, created and maintained by volunteers from Barrowby Flower Group. The herb bed, on the lawned area opposite the White Swan crossroads, has been developed as a free-to-use community space where local people can pick fresh herbs to enhance their cooking or gather a few leaves to brew herbal tea. Packed with a variety of culinary and aromatic herbs, the garden is designed to encourage residents to make the most of fresh, home-grown ingredients while bringing people together through a shared community project.

Special thanks go to Steve Fairburn, who kindly erected the new Community Herb Garden sign, helping to create a welcoming focal point for the project. Barrowby Flower Group hopes the herb garden will be enjoyed by people of all ages and will continue to flourish as a community asset for years to come.



Pictured are Pippa Walker and Ashley Fairburn of Barrowby Flowers

BIG CHANGES FOR THE BARROWBY NEWS

There are some changes happening at The Barrowby News! The editor for the last several years, Jane Cupit, and her husband Phil, are leaving Barrowby after 25 years living in and contributing to the Barrowby Community.

In answer to our call for new volunteers, Marie Bond, who lives in Barrowby, has stepped forward and will be the new editor.

After 15 unbroken years of publishing, including during Covid, there will be a couple of months now when the Barrowby News will 'take a break'.

When the Barrowby News comes back in the autumn, expect a new look and new feel, as the team adapt to the needs of a changing and developing community.

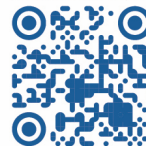
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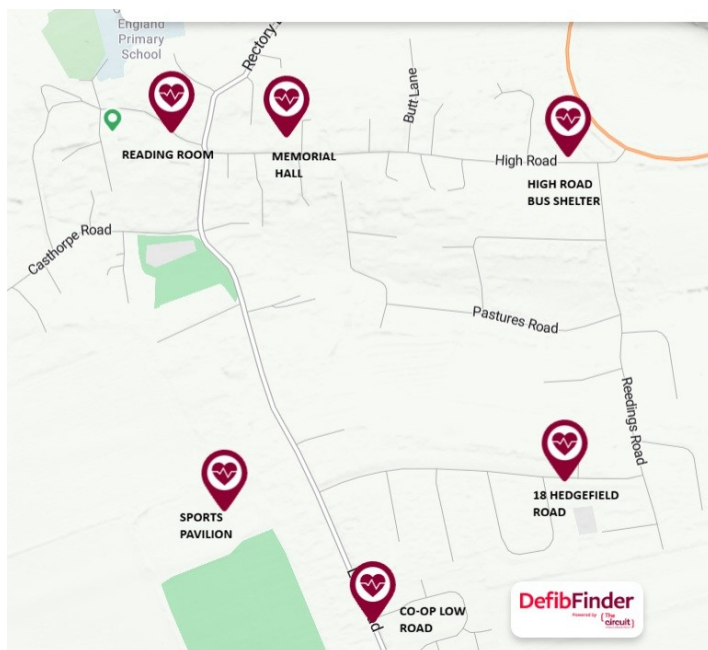
DEFIBRILLATORS IN BARROWBY

Following comments received in response to the Community consultation, the Parish Council has reviewed the situation regarding defibrillators in the village. All 6 defibrillators in the village are now currently working and accessible 24/7. The one on Low Road outside the Co-op store does not belong to the Parish Council.

The defibrillator at the Sports Pavilion is the only one with paediatric pads as well as adult pads. The Parish Council is exploring options to update the defibrillators and to install one at the Colleys.

Apart from the one at the Sports Pavilion, all of the defibrillators are now over 12 years old and are discontinued models. To replace them is over £1000 each and the Parish Council is looking into grants and donations to allow them to be replaced.

This is a useful website: [DefibFinder - find the defibrillators nearest you](https://www.defibfinder.uk/) (<https://www.defibfinder.uk/>)



BARROWBY PARISH COUNCIL 'SAVE A LIFE' TRAINING



Over the past six months, Barrowby Parish Council has hosted two free 'Save a Life' training sessions, helping residents and local volunteers gain confidence in vital lifesaving skills.

The first session was open to the wider community and welcomed 13 attendees. The training covered how to perform CPR, when and how to use a defibrillator, and what steps to take in an emergency. The Parish Council said feedback was positive, with attendees saying how valuable and reassuring it was to gain practical knowledge.

The second session took place recently and was arranged specifically for Barrowby Football Club coaches, especially important as they work with children and young people. The sessions were delivered free of charge by Julian Withington, of LeisureSK, and his team, whose "fantastic work in helping people feel

more confident to act in an emergency" was praised by the Parish Council.

The Parish Council also thanks Barrowby Football Club and its coaches. The club is run by volunteers who freely give up their time, in all weathers, to provide this fantastic opportunity for children and young people in the village.

The Parish Council will arrange another free 'Save a Life' training session in the autumn if there is sufficient interest. To register interest, email clerk@barrowbyparishcouncil.gov.uk

BARROWBY NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The Section 16 Consultation (SKC led consultation) is now completed, and all the comments received have been forwarded to the Independent Inspector.

Many thanks to all those residents who took the time and trouble to respond to the consultation. Your observations and comments give the inspector a powerful message from the community.

Once his inspection is complete, the inspector will prepare a report for SKDC and decide whether the plan should proceed to referendum. Owing to the sheer volume of responses there may well be a delay before he reports to SKDC.

DIARY DATES - JUNE/JULY 2026

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

Sat 4 July: 'Set Europe Ablaze' - a WWII history talk by Penelope Burton 7:00 - 9:00 pm Barrowby Memorial Hall £10 Tickets available from The White Swan or email voicesofwar45@gmail.com

Wed 8 July: Barrowby Scouts AGM 7:00 pm Scout Hut Low Road

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

Mon 27 July: Mobile Library 2 - 3 pm Co-op Car Park Low Road

BARROWBY FOOTBALL CLUB END OF SEASON REPORT

It has been another successful season for Barrowby Football Club, finishing on 23rd May with their end of season presentation. In May the club achieved 3-star accreditation from the Football Association (FA). This is the highest rating that can be achieved and is a result of the club offering across the male, female, and disability pathways within the game. It really does reflect the breadth of football opportunities on offer at Barrowby Football Club, recognising a wider and more inclusive offering.

Next season, there will be 22 teams in different leagues with over 300 children across the club. There will be 12 teams (under 7 to under 14) in the YEL (Young Elizabethan League), 3 teams (under 15 to under 17) in the Nottinghamshire Football League, 6 girls' teams (under 9 to under 15) in the LWGFL (Leicestershire Women and Girls) and a Veterans team in the East Midlands League. The club will also have an under 6 training group.

Barrowby Football Club is a completely volunteer run club, from committee to coaches to café, all done for the love of the children and the club. If anyone is interested or knows of anyone who might be interested in getting involved as a volunteer, or may be looking to sponsor, then please contact Joe on 07985 385737 or barrowbysec@gmail.com



BARROWBY CUBS

Barrowby Cubs have had a lovely weekend at cub camp in Wyville.

They took part in lots of activities including tent pitching, night hiking, food safety and nutrition, whittling, making dreamcatchers using materials found in nature, soup-making on an open fire, making scones, archery and toasting marshmallows. All the cubs had a great time.

Barrowby Scouts is holding its AGM on July 8th at 7pm at the Scout Hut on Low Road.



GRANTHAM BRIDGE CLUB



Grantham Bridge Club meets on Monday evenings in Barrowby Memorial Hall at 7:00 pm (experienced players). Also Wednesday mornings in The Reading Room at 9:30 am (gentle duplicate).

All are welcome.

Sessions are £3.00 including refreshments.

More details can be found at

www.bridgewebs/grantham or by contacting the group at granthambridgeclub@gmail.com

GARDENERS' ASSOCIATION: TIPS FOR JULY



In the Garden

- * Keep lawns watered and aerate the surface.
- * Deadhead roses and hardy herbaceous plants.
- * Cut lupins and delphiniums back to ground level.
- * Feed dahlias and tie young stems to stakes.
- * Pinch out tendrils on sweet peas and apply a liquid feed.
- * Lift and store tulips and daffodils.

On the Plot

- * Complete planting of Brussel sprouts, winter cabbage and broccoli.
- * Keep pinching out side shoots on cordon-grown tomatoes.
- * Sow a round pea for a late crop, along with beetroot.

Herbs

- * Sow dill and parsley outdoors.
- * Sow basil in a greenhouse or on a sunny window-sill.

PROSTATE CANCER ADVICE

A friend of a Barrowby man diagnosed with prostate cancer is urging men to get checked for the disease with a simple blood test.

Helen Smith is calling on men to go to a screening event in Grantham in August which is being organised by a charitable trust.

It will be held at **The Meres Leisure Centre** on **Saturday, August 8, 10am-2pm**. Tests cost £25.

Helen said: "Ladies, please consider sharing this with the men in your life – husbands, partners, dads, brothers, sons and friends. Sometimes they need a little encouragement to put their health first."

Book a test at www.tgfct.org.uk

Prostate cancer is the most common cancer in men and can develop without any early warning signs.

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH BARROWBY SERVICES

Sunday 5th July

10:30 am Group Gathering
Holy Communion with Meal

Sunday 12th July

10:00 am Holy Communion

Sunday 19th July

8:30 am BCP Holy Communion
10:00 am All Age Service

Sunday 26th July

10:00 am Morning Prayer
Children's and Young people's groups :
Term time only
Every Sunday apart from the 3rd Sunday:-
Creche, and **Sunday club** for School aged youngsters.

More information on All Saints' Facebook page
Email allsaintsbarrowby@gmail.com

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UNSAFE HEADSTONE

The memorial headstone pictured below has become unstable due to ground subsidence and has been temporarily made safe until more permanent repairs can be undertaken

The stone marks the final resting place of Stephen and Annie Kennington (nee Swallow). If you are a family member or know how to contact the Kennington Family please could you contact us to discuss next steps.

Thank you.

All Saints Barrowby Church Wardens:
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Cane and Able

Monday 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Join us for coffee, cake, chat and activities. A friendly, social group for the over 60s.

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