



BARROWBY NEWS



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STRONG COMMUNITY RESPONSE AT BARROWBY PARISH MEETING ON SPECULATIVE DEVELOPMENTS Public Meeting 25 September 2025

More than 200 residents packed into the Memorial Hall to attend a parish meeting about the wave of speculative housing developments being proposed in and around the village. Chaired by Councillor Tim Lees, the meeting was convened by Barrowby Parish Council to ensure that residents had the latest, accurate information about current proposals and the planning context.

The meeting also heard from representatives of the Barrowby Action Group (BAG), a resident-led organisation formed in response to recent development pressures. Their contribution reflected the passion and determination many local people feel about protecting the parish's character.

A key focus of the meeting was whether to conduct a Parish Poll – a formal SKDC-run vote where local people can give a simple yes/no answer. After discussion, residents present voted overwhelmingly in favour of a poll. While a parish poll is advisory rather than binding, it does provide an undeniable snapshot of community opinion.

This evidence can be used to inform the Council's future representations to SKDC planning officers. The poll, to be administered by SKDC, will take place on **Wednesday 22nd October** 4pm-9 pm in the Reading Room. The consultation by the developer is separate to the Poll. At this stage there is nothing official to object to as there is no planning application in. Both the Parish Poll and the Developer consultation are independent processes designed to provide information to feed into the planning process when it becomes live.

VILLAGERS GATHERED AT THE OCTOBER PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

At the monthly Parish Council meeting on Monday 13th October, close to 100 residents gathered outside the Reading Room, having been encouraged by the Barrowby Action Group to turn up to express their views about proposed development in and around Barrowby village. Representatives of the developers William Davis were present for the public part of the meeting, scheduled to take place as usual between 6:45 and 7:00 pm, before the main Parish Council meeting at 7:00 pm. However, the Reading Room does not have the capacity to accommodate the number of residents who had been gathering before 6:30 pm.



Chair of the Parish Council, Nigel Eaton, spoke to those gathered outside and acknowledged their reasons for attending. Cllr Eaton offered the chance for the developers to speak briefly to everyone outside the Reading Room, but this was firmly rejected by most of those present, so the developers left without any exchange between them or residents.

A number of those who had turned up were clearly left frustrated that they could not express their views, but it was pointed out to all that this was not an arranged public meeting, but part of the normal business of a regular Parish Council meeting, which continued once the councillors and a few members of the public had moved in to the Reading Room.

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BARROWBY CHRISTMAS FAYRE SATURDAY 22ND NOVEMBER 10 am - 3 pm



Find everything you need for Christmas gifting and more at Barrowby's very own Christmas Fayre.

Visit The Reading Room, The Memorial Hall and All Saints' Church to shop with independent and local crafters and sellers, and find beautiful handmade items and unique gift ideas. Enjoy a hot chocolate and delicious home made cakes and treats.

The charity raffle and tombola at the church are this year raising funds for Grantham Food Bank. Barrowby School Choir will be performing at The Reading Room and The Memorial Hall.

You could be the winner of a luxury Christmas hamper by entering the Barrowby News raffle (find us in The Reading Room).

PLEASE COME ALONG TO SUPPORT THIS GREAT COMMUNITY EVENT.

DONATIONS FOR THE TOMBOLA WELCOME - PLEASE CONTACT KAREN ON 07472 857717 TO ARRANGE COLLECTION - thankyou.

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NEW PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE

Barrowby Parish Council now has a new website: <https://barrowby.parish.lincolnshire.gov.uk/> It is designed to be a handy place where you can find up to date parish news, information about council meetings, local updates, how to hire venues and how get in touch with both the council and groups in the village. You will find lots of local information, including the parish walks, news archives, history of Barrowby and plenty more. The site is still a bit of a "work in progress," so you may notice things changing as more is added. If you spot an error, think something could be improved, or have an idea for what you'd like to see included, please let the Parish Council know. They would especially like to hear from if you have a group or club that runs in Barrowby as they are keen to develop their '[Clubs and Groups – Barrowby Parish Council](#)' page and to signpost to all that is on offer. Please just drop an email to clerk@barrowbyparish.gov.uk with your suggestions.

A STATEMENT BY BARROWBY ACTION GROUP

Barrowby Parish has already answered the government's call to provide more housing by supporting the building of 300 houses at The Colleys, 227 houses on Dysart Road, 220 houses at Barrowby Place on the A52 and a further 270 houses off Low Road that are currently under construction. Those developments alone will more than double the number of residents in the parish: but now we are being asked to lose the rural soul of our village, with speculative development proposed on grade 1 farm land, including 475 houses on Low Road and 220 in stage 1 of the 'off Grange Paddock development'. In addition to this, a new village of 2500 houses stretching from the A1 to Sedgebrook is being proposed.

Barrowby Action Group's demand for a poll was supported by more than 200 residents at the public meeting on 25th September. This is a vote similar to an election where each eligible voter can have their voice heard. It is our belief that this is the BIGGEST and BEST tool we have when demonstrating the strength of feeling in the village, and may be vital in the event of an appeal to the Secretary of State. This is a unique opportunity to vote on such an important matter and there is only one question to answer:

'Should Barrowby Parish Council oppose the 'Off Grange Paddock' development and all Major Developments in the Barrowby Parish'?

(Major development refers to all developments over 10 houses).

The future of Barrowby is in our hands: please don't waste this opportunity to protect our village and parish from the onslaught of unsustainable development.

Follow on Facebook: [Barrowby Action Group](#)
[Barrowby Village Community Group](#)

Email: barrowbyactiongroup@gmail.com

MANY THANKS TO BARROWBY FLOWERS

The village flower beds have been a blaze of colour throughout the summer thanks to the volunteers who give up a little of their time to planting and tending the flower beds and planters. In the next few weeks the beds will be changing to displays of winter pansies.

We would welcome any new volunteers. A meeting of the existing volunteers and anyone who might be interested in joining us will be held in the Reading Room on **Monday 3rd November at 7:30 p.m.**

Why not come along if you are interested and find out what volunteering entails. Alternatively contact the Parish clerk to find out more: clerk@barrowbyparish.gov.uk

A STATEMENT FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council has no authority to decide planning applications but it is a statutory consultee. It may submit comments to South Kesteven District Council (SKDC) on behalf of residents.

At present, the developments referred to by the Barrowby Action Group are speculative – no formal planning applications have been submitted to SKDC for consideration. When a planning application is received, the Parish Council will consider it on its individual merits and respond appropriately through the proper consultation process.

The Council has a strong record of engaging with residents on planning matters. For example, during the summer it campaigned and distributed information to all households regarding the proposed development of 455 homes off The Drift, advising residents on how to make their views known to the planning authority.

Parish polls are advisory only and not legally binding, but they can help gauge public opinion. For verified and up-to-date information about planning applications, residents are encouraged to visit the South Kesteven District Council planning portal. Go to:

<https://www.southkesteven.gov.uk/planning-building-control/planning-development-management/search-planning-applications>

Comments can only be made once a planning application has been submitted, not on speculative development.

DIARY DATES - NOVEMBER 2025

Wed 22 Oct: Parish Poll 4 - 9 pm Reading Room

Sun 26 Oct: 'Mrs Warren's Profession' (cert 12A) NT Live Open Door 6:30 pm £10

Mon 03 Nov: Barrowby Flowers meeting 7:30 pm Reading Room - new volunteers welcome

Tues 11 Nov: 'The Ballad of Wallis Island' (cert 12) Open Door 7 pm £5

Mon 17 Nov: Mobile Library 3-3:30 pm Co-op Car park Low Road

Sat 22 Nov: Christmas Fayre 10 - 3 pm Memorial Hall, Reading Room and All Saints' Church

Tues 25 Nov: 'Notorious' NT Live Open Door 7 pm £3

Sun 30 Nov: 'The Fifth Step' NT Live Open Door 2:30 pm £10

BARROWBY OPEN DOOR - EVENTS FOR OCTOBER/NOVEMBER MEMORIAL HALL

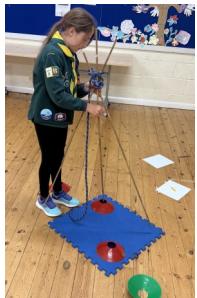
Sunday 26th October 6.30pm: 'Mrs Warren's Profession' (National Theatre Live, cert 12A) £10 plus cake in the interval

Tuesday 11th November 7pm: 'The Ballad of Wallis Island' (cert 12A) £5

Tuesday 25th November 7pm: 'Notorious' (remastered classic Hitchcock) £3

Sunday 30th November 2:30 pm: 'The Fifth Step' (National Theatre Live) £10 plus cake in the interval

Contact Charlie or Marie on 01476 594803 or email housecorner@icloud.com



BARROWBY CUBS

During this term the cubs have been learning about money and how to keep their money and accounts safe. The cubs had a number of activities to take part in to earn 'money' for them to spend. Some activities required them to work to earn different amounts of money. One activity contained 'small print' which meant that although they earned money they had to pay a greater amount back. This helped to teach the cubs the danger of not reading small print on deals, and the risk of fraud.

At the end of the night, the cubs used the 'money' to buy tools to enable them complete the final task of building the tallest tower within the patrols.

BARROWBY PRESCHOOL

With autumn now upon us this term the children have been exploring the different textures that autumn brings, and observing the changes in colour. The children have been collecting leaves on the field and from home, and made pictures using the leaves they had collected. The tuff spot tray contained a variety of autumn pieces like leaves, conkers and acorns for the children to observe and handle.

Barrowby PreSchool is open during school term time Monday to Friday 8:30am – 4:00 pm and currently has spaces for funded and non-funded children from the age of 2 to 4 years.

Barrowby Sports Pavilion, Low Road NG32 1DJ

Tel: 07415 450 311

Find the PreSchool on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/BarrowbyPreschool/>

Website: <https://barrowbypreschool.uk>



GARDENERS' ASSOCIATION: TIPS FOR NOVEMBER



IN THE GARDEN

- In preparation for winter, prepare new lawn sites for sowing in spring by digging over the area and removing weeds. Leave the soil for the frosts to help break it down further.
- This month is ideal for cleaning and servicing the lawn mower.
- Plant out roses and complete the planting of tulips and hyacinths.
- Gladioli corms should be cleaned and stored in a frost-free place.
- Plant border carnations and pinks, and lift begonias and geraniums for winter.
- Thin out oxygenating plants in ponds and remove old leaves to keep the water healthy and clear.

ON THE PLOT

- Plant fruit trees and bushes now.
- Prune apple and pear trees, as well as any berry plants, and train new growth onto wire supports.
- Complete winter digging of vegetable plots.
- Wash the greenhouse glass to maintain a clean growing environment.

FANTASTIC FRIDAY CLUB

MEMORIAL HALL

5:30 - 6:45 pm

CALLING ALL 8 - 13 YEAR OLDS!

If you are in Years 4 - 7 at school, why not come along to the Memorial Hall on a Friday evening during term time for an evening of fun, including crafts and games.

Refreshments provided. Just £1 per session.

Older children are welcome to come as part of their DofE skills or volunteer work.

For more information contact Chris Down on
07861 166434



ALL SAINTS' CHURCH BARROWBY SERVICES

Sunday 2 November8:30 am Morning Prayer - BCP
10:00 am Morning Praise**Sunday 9 November**

10:45 am Remembrance Service

Sunday 16 November8:30 am Holy Communion - BCP
10:00 am Families Service**Sunday 23 November**10:00 am Morning Prayer
11:00 am Memorial Service**Sunday 30 November**10:00 am Cafe Church
11:00 am Advent Coffee Morning**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 or Email

allsaintsbarrowby@gmail.comCould you spare just £1 a week to help support Barrowby church? With this QR code, it's really easy.
Thank you**BARROWBY BAPTIST FELLOWSHIP**

Barrowby Memorial Hall

Sunday 10:15 a.m. – Worship Service and Sunday School
Contact: Paul – 07936 504556**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.**Wednesday 12 - 1:30 p.m.** (Once a month)
Soup lunch.
Contact: Jenny – 07773 185620**Fantastic Friday Club****5:30 p.m. - 6:45 p.m. (Years 4 - 7)**
Entry £1.00
Contact: Chris - 07861 166434**Get in Touch**Deadlines for forthcoming issues: 11th November 2025 for December 2025 issue.
Email your news items and events to us at: news@barrowby.org.uk or to the Editor at jane.cupit@uwclub.net. Call us on 07764 204017.**Look out for us on Facebook: Barrowby News**

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