



BARROWBY NEWS



BARROWBY VILLAGE NEWS AND INFORMATION

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START 2026 BY VOLUNTEERING IN YOUR COMMUNITY!

As we welcome a New Year, Barrowby Parish Council is encouraging residents to **start 2026 by getting involved in their community** and helping to make a positive difference across the village. Barrowby continues to thrive thanks to the dedication and goodwill of volunteers who support village projects, community groups and improvement initiatives. Whether it's lending a hand with maintenance, helping at events, planting and watering, or simply offering time when you can, every contribution is valued.

There are several active working groups that would warmly welcome new volunteers in 2026.

🌸 **Flower Group** – helping to plant, maintain and enhance floral displays around the village, ensuring colourful and welcoming community spaces throughout the year.

🌲 **RAGs – Recreation & Green Space Group** – promoting publicly accessible recreational greenspace and access to nature within Barrowby. This Group supports activities that have a positive impact on health, wellbeing, nature and the local environment. RAGs helps care for and enhance public green spaces, creating wildlife habitats, improving access, and encouraging sustainable, nature-friendly design and environmentally responsible management.

If you enjoy DIY or practical tasks, or simply want to support the village, the Parish Council would love to hear from you. There are always jobs that need doing, and even a small amount of time makes a meaningful difference.

We also welcome residents reaching out proactively – if you spot anything around the village that you feel you could help with, or have an idea that could enhance village life, please get in touch with the Clerk

at: clerk@barrowbyparishcouncil.gov.uk

Barrowby Parish Council is extremely grateful to all current volunteers for their hard work, enthusiasm and community spirit. Your efforts are essential to keeping our village welcoming, cared-for and environmentally rich.

If you'd like to join one of the working groups or learn more about volunteering opportunities in 2026, please get in touch with the Parish Council – **your support is truly appreciated.**

OPEN DOOR EVENTS FOR CHRISTMAS AND THE NEW YEAR

Saturday 20th December - Memorial Hall

2 - 3:30 pm. Children's craft and film (accompanied children only please). Supported by Barrowby Parish Council. There will be a small gift for every child - please pre book using details below or via parish council clerk.

4 - 5:30 pm. Carols and Cake to Charlies Ant, supporting Grantham Food Bank. Refreshments available. Suggested £10 donation on door.

Saturday 27th December - Hougham and Marston Village Hall

7 - 10:00 pm Hootenanny Ceilidh for Cardiac Risk in the Young

Tuesday 13th January 2026 Memorial Hall

7:00 pm. 'Downton Abbey - Final Chapter'. £5 per person

Sunday 25th January 2026 Memorial Hall

2:30pm Hamlet - National Theatre live. £10 per person (NB 3 hours long)

Contact Charlie: email housecorner@icloud.com or tel 01476 594803

Search Eventbrite (Barrowby and the event title) to book

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

The Barrowby Events team would like to extend their heartfelt thanks to everyone who supported this year's Christmas Market on 22 November. Whether you came along to shop and enjoy the festivities, braved the weather for some delicious hot food, had a stall or sang in the school choir, your contribution made the day truly special. At the Church over £700 was raised in aid of Grantham Food Bank.

The Christmas Market is becoming something of a tradition in our community, and the events team are so pleased to be able to support and showcase so many small and local independent businesses once again.

BARROWBY NEWS - thankyou for supporting our raffle at the Christmas Fayre - we raised over £340 which will help to ensure we can carry on delivering your local monthly local news.

WINNING TICKETS: 1st Pink 277 - 2nd Pink 247, both claimed.



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BARROWBY COMMUNITY ORCHARD PROPOSAL - YOUR VIEWS WELCOMED

Barrowby Parish Council, together with the RAGS (Recreation and Green Space) working group, is preparing a grant application to the South Kesteven District Council Coronation Community Orchard Scheme. The proposal is to establish a small community orchard of approximately 10 fruit trees on The Willows (Pastures Road). The orchard would feature heritage varieties that reflect the rich horticultural history of our region. The proposed trees will originate from Lincolnshire, Leicestershire and Nottinghamshire, including well-known local favourites such as Bramley apples and a descendant of the Isaac Newton "Flower of Kent" apple tree. We are especially pleased to include a historic apple variety first recorded in Barrowby in the 1850s, giving the orchard a unique local identity and story to share.

The orchard aims to:

- Enhance The Willows as a publicly accessible green space
- Support biodiversity and pollinators
- Provide an educational resource with interpretive signage and QR-linked information about the fruit varieties
- Create opportunities for community involvement, from planting days to future harvesting events
- Act as long-term replacement tree cover in an area affected by ash dieback

The informal football play area will remain unaffected, with tree placement designed to allow the space to continue to be used as it is today.

As part of our grant application, we need to demonstrate local community support. If you would like to see the orchard created — or have any comments — please get in touch. Even a brief message of support will greatly assist our application. Please send comments to clerk@barrowbyparishcouncil.gov.uk

Thank you for supporting the future of our village green spaces.

BARROWBY ACTION GROUP: DECEMBER 2025 NEWS AND FESTIVE WISHES

As December arrives and the festive lights brighten our village, the Barrowby Action Group (BAG) wishes everyone a very **Merry Christmas and a peaceful New Year!**

This time of year is not just for celebration, but also for reflection on the community spirit that has defined our shared efforts throughout 2025. The core of our action group's work continues to be opposing housing developments that threaten to change the rural character of Barrowby. We have been overwhelmed and under attack by numerous plans, including proposals for Grange Paddock and Low Road, in addition to significant developments already under construction.

Next Steps and Ongoing Actions

We are actively working to coordinate our responses to South Kesteven District Council. Our immediate actions include:

- Challenging developers' claims.
- Seeking expert advice to challenge inappropriate planning decisions.
- Addressing road safety concerns regarding increased construction traffic.

We remain committed to protecting our Grade 1 farmland and preserving Barrowby's rural identity for future generations.

Community Spirit

This campaign has truly pulled the village together, demonstrating how passionate we are about our shared home. Thank you to all who have donated, supported and believed in our cause. Together, we can protect the heart of our community. Find out more about our efforts and how you can support at facebook.com/Barrowbyactiongroup

**CHARITY RUN FOR CHILDREN WITH CANCER UK**

Barrowby resident Nathan Taylor is in training for his London Marathon run, in support of this special charity.

Please visit the QR code above for information - any donation you can give, large or small will go a long way to help.

DIARY DATES - DECEMBER 2025/JANUARY 2026

Sun 21 Dec: Carols by Candlelight 6 for 6:30 pm.
All Saints' Church Barrowby

Sat 27 Dec: Hootenanny Charity Ceilidh 7 - 10:00 pm
Hougham and Marston Village Hall. All dances called.

Mon 12 Jan: Mobile Library 3 - 3:30 pm Co-op car park
Low Road

Tues 13 Jan: 'Downton Abbey - Final Chapter' Open
Door 7:00 pm Memorial Hall £5

Sun 25 Jan: 'Hamlet' NT Live Open Door 2:30 pm £10
NB - 3 HOURS LONG

Sat 7 Feb: Barrowby Burns Supper 6:45 pm Memorial
Hall - supporting Grantham Food Bank

DOUBLE AWARD FOR BARROWBY CRICKET CLUB

Barrowby Cricket Club has enjoyed a hugely successful 2025, both on and off the field. There have been some exhilarating batting performances and thrilling last over deciders which culminated in a fantastic second place in the league and secured promotion to Division 3. However the success didn't end there as the club is also immensely proud to have been awarded the Ted Robinson Spirit of Cricket Award, voted for by the other league teams, in recognition of the exemplary sportsmanship and integrity with which the club approaches the game - an accolade that reflects the values at the heart of Barrowby Cricket Club!



The end of season awards night was held at The Piggy Bank in Grantham, with Sammy Hardy (Player of the Season), Harry Lamb (Bowler of the Season), John Jones (Batsman of the Season), and Harry Watson (Young Player of the Season) all winning awards.

We look forward to 2026 with great excitement. Preseason nets start in early spring and our popular junior training, through the Barrowby Juniors and Allstars/Dynamos programmes, returns in the summer.

You can keep up to date with the latest news on our Facebook page www.facebook.com/officialbarrowbycricketclub

GRANTHAM CANAL SOCIETY NEWS

Why not enjoy a walk over the festive period to check out what has been happening on and around the canal, and round it off nicely with a coffee in The Duck at Woolsthorpe?

Even though winter is supposed to be our 'quiet' season the volunteers have been kept very busy. At last there is plenty of water in the canal following a very dry summer, during which time the Society keeps vegetation removal to a minimum to avoid disturbing the wide variety of wildlife which makes the canal its home.

Since the end of 'bird nest' season, there has been a lot of trimming back of vegetation, reeds and weeds, so a walk along the canal from Woolsthorpe to Denton is now better than ever. Work is ongoing to repair Lock 16 near The Duck at Woolsthorpe, and silt removal continues in the Duck Pound - you can see our new workboat Betty there. The Grantham Canal Partnership is an association of parish and district councils and other interested parties which is being revitalised under the leadership of Robert Leadenham. More information to follow in the near future.

After an amazing 17 years, Mike Stone has retired as chairman and the role has passed to the capable hands of Anthony Goody, who has been working with Jane (treasurer) developing the new website which will be going live soon. You can still check out granthamcanal.org.

2025 has been our most successful boating season ever, and boat trips aboard the Three Shires will resume on **Mothering Sunday in 2026**. We have a variety of private trip options available: check out the website to find out more.

All prices quoted are for up to 10 people! You may also wish to take advantage of the Cruise and Dine option in conjunction with The Duck.



GARDENERS' ASSOCIATION: TIPS FOR JANUARY

There may not be much activity in the garden at the moment, but it is an excellent time to plan a herb border.

Garden Tool Maintenance

- Carry out maintenance on lawn mowers, cultivators, and hedge trimmers to ensure they are in good working order for the coming season.

- Sharpen shears and secateurs so they are ready for use when the gardening year gets underway.

In the Vegetable Plot

- Plant rhubarb crowns.
- Sow broad beans to enjoy an early crop.
- Towards the end of the month, sow peas—choose a round variety for best results—and cover the rows with fleece to protect them from the cold.
- Plant shallots in well-drained soil, making sure they are in a sheltered spot to encourage healthy growth.



ALL SAINTS' CHURCH BARROWBY SERVICES

25 December Christmas Day

8:00 am Holy Communion BCP

10:00 am All Age Families Service

Sunday 28th December

10:00 am Readings, Poems and Carols

Sunday 4 January

8:30 am Morning Prayer - BCP

10:00 am Morning Praise

Sunday 11 January

10:00 am Holy Communion

Sunday 18 January

8:30 am Holy Communion BCP

4:00 pm Families Service - Christingle

Sunday 25 January

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 or Email

allsaintsbarrowby@gmail.com



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. Soup lunch.

(Last Wednesday of the month)

Contact: *Jenny* – 07773 185620

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5:30 p.m. - 6:45 p.m. (Years 4 - 7)

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Along Mill Row was the site of a village windmill which was disused by 1916 and demolished by the Second World War. There is no trace of the windmill to be seen today, but there is a photograph in Barrowby Reading Room. There was a second, earlier, windmill on the other side of the A52 at the top of Barrowby Hill, called Mill Hill on some maps.

The Old Bakery is a cottage on Casthorpe Road. Barrowby used to have two bakeries, the second being off High Road near what used to be the Post Office.

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