



BARROWBY NEWS



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BARROWBY PARISH COUNCIL PRECEPT FOR 2026/27

Barrowby Parish Council has agreed its precept for 2026/27 at **£81,000**. For a **Band D property**, this means an increase of **£8.52 per year (11.1%)**. Councillors worked carefully through the budget to keep the increase as low as possible, while ensuring the Council can continue to maintain and protect important village facilities and services.

Like many organisations, the Parish Council is facing rising costs, including maintenance, insurance and other essential running costs. There are also several unavoidable commitments in the year ahead, including the consecration of additional burial ground land, hearing assistance measures in the Reading Room, and safety work arising from the recent survey of village trees.

In addition, staffing costs have increased due to higher National Insurance contributions, which parish councils must absorb within their own budgets. The parish also had to cover the cost of the recent Parish Poll, which was over £1,000, and has faced additional pressures arising from major planning applications affecting the village.

At the same time, the Council has worked hard to reduce costs where possible, including securing savings on gas, electricity and broadband for the Reading Room and Pavilion for the next two years.

Barrowby Parish Council remains committed to delivering value for money and keeping Barrowby a vibrant, well-maintained village.

THE BARROWBY NEWS TEAM IS LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS

We are a small team of local residents, who meet monthly to prepare, edit and publish this monthly newsletter. Our team is undergoing some changes and we would like to welcome new members on board.

- Can you spare a couple of hours once a month?
- Do you have I.T. skills to help us re-design and manage a new design/publishing package (e.g. CANVA)?
- Would you be interested in engaging new advertisers, or exploring fund raising ideas?
- Are you maybe a 6th form student who is interested in going in to journalism or publishing, or who has creative IT skills?

Please come along to our AGM to meet us, to find out more about us and see if maybe you might like to join our team!

Wednesday 29th April, 6 - 7 p.m. at the Reading Room.

If you cannot make it, but would like to find out more, please contact us on 07764 204017 - or email us at editor@barrowby.news

DELIVERY RESUMES TO THE COLLEYS

With effect from this issue The Barrowby News is once again being delivered to households in The Colleys.

It is really important to us that items in The Barrowby News are relevant to residents of the Colleys. Please tell us what sort of items you might like to see included. Do you have an item of interest to share? A club or activity maybe?

We would welcome a resident of The Colleys to join our team! Please see the item above to see if you might be able to support our team in some way.

Come along to our AGM on Wednesday 29th April - telephone 07764204017 Or email editor@barrowby.news

FOOD WASTE COLLECTION REMINDER - WEEK BEGINNING 13TH APRIL

By now all households should have received their food waste bins, for both indoor and outdoor use. You will also have received guidance on what can be put in your food bin..

Weekly collection will commence week beginning **13th April**.

You can leave your food waste bin out for collection with whichever main bin is being collected each week.



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20 MPH FOR BARROWBY? JOIN THE WORKING GROUP!

At the Parish Council meeting on Monday 9 February 2026, Barrowby Parish Council received a presentation from local resident Roy Redman about the “20’s Plenty” campaign and the potential benefits of 20mph speed limits in built-up areas.

The aim is simple: to explore whether a 20mph approach could help make Barrowby safer and more comfortable for everyone – especially children, older residents, and people walking or cycling – by encouraging calmer traffic through residential streets and key village routes.

Barrowby Parish Council is now forming a small **working group** (councillors and residents) to explore this opportunity and to understand what steps would be needed. The group will look at local concerns (such as speeding hotspots and difficult crossing points), gather community views, and report recommendations back to the Parish Council.

If you would like to be involved – even in a small way – please email the Parish Clerk at clerk@barrowbyparishcouncil.gov.uk with the subject line “20mph Working Group”.

For more information on the wider campaign, you can view the campaign plan here: https://www.20splenty.org/campaign_plan

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN CONSULTATION UPDATE

The Parish Council would like to thank everyone in the community who has taken the time to engage with the Barrowby Neighbourhood Plan over the past nine years. Many residents contributed suggestions and comments during the earlier Parish Council consultation stages, and these helped shape the current version of the Plan.

The formal consultation being carried out by South Kesteven District Council (SKDC) closed on 13 March 2026. All comments submitted during this stage will be considered by SKDC before the Plan is passed to an Independent Examiner, who will assess whether it meets national planning policies and the legal requirements for neighbourhood planning.

If the Examiner confirms that the Plan meets these requirements, it will proceed to a local referendum, expected later this year, where residents will be able to vote on whether the Plan should be adopted.

The preparation of the Barrowby Neighbourhood Plan has involved many years of work, consultation and evidence gathering. If adopted, the Plan will form part of the statutory planning framework and will be used by the Local Planning Authority when determining planning applications affecting the village.

Once again thank you to everyone who has contributed their views and helped shape the future planning vision for Barrowby.

BARROWBY ACTION GROUP ISSUES URGENT CALL TO HALT 90-HOME RECTORY LANE DEVELOPMENT

The Barrowby Action Group (BAG) is urging residents to submit their objections against a new planning application (S26/0235) that threatens to further erode the rural character of the village.

The application seeks outline permission for the erection of up to 90 dwellings on land **off Rectory Lane**, situated between the A52 and the A1 slip road and over Butt Lane.

The BAGS group have delivered posters and detailed information leaflets to all households in Barrowby, to give residents as much information as possible to help them lodge their objections to this planning application.

The deadline for registering objections is 30th March - visit the SKDC planning portal and search for reference **S26/0235**

Or email planning@southkesteven.gov.uk and state the planning reference and your home address.

LOCAL ORGANISATIONS - AGMS IN APRIL AND MAY

Barrowby Bellringers: Wednesday 01st April 7:30 p.m. All Saints’ Church Barrowby barrowby@sb.ldgcb.org.uk

Barrowby Memorial Hall Committee: Tuesday 28th April 7:00 p.m. Memorial Hall jo.eaton@barrowbymemorialhall.uk

The Barrowby News: Wednesday 29th April 6:00 p.m. The Reading Room Barrowby editor@barrowby.news

Barrowby Open Door: Tuesday 12th May (time tba) Memorial Hall barrowbyopendoor@gmail.com



NEW BOOK SWAP CLUB AT THE WHITE SWAN

Do you enjoy reading ? Well, a new venture has begun at the White Swan pub in the village. It’s called the "Book Swap Club".

Every week, Wednesday through to Friday, from 12 midday until closing time you are welcome to come along to the pub lounge, choose a book or two and maybe bring one to swap. Just return your borrowed books when you’ve read them. There are plenty of children’s books available to swap too.

Tea and coffee will be available.

Please try and support this new venture and maybe make new friends who enjoy reading .

DIARY DATES - APRIL 2026

Sun 29 March: Street Tree Planting: Meet-up 10 am Echo Tree Forest School

Mon 30 March: last date to object to planning application **S26/0235** on SKDC planning portal

Wed 01 April: Barrowby Bellringers AGM 7:30 pm All Saints’ Church Barrowby

Tues 14 April: ‘The Choral’ Open Door 7:00 pm Memorial Hall £5

Tues 28 April: Memorial Hall Committee AGM 7:00 pm Memorial Hall

Wed 29 April: The Barrowby News AGM 6:00 pm The Reading Room

BARROWBY PRESCHOOL TO CLOSE

Barrowby Pre-School will be closing its doors on 31 March 2026, marking the end of an important chapter in village life. For around 50 years, the pre-school has provided a warm, nurturing environment for generations of Barrowby children as they took their first steps into learning and friendships.

The community is extremely grateful to the dedicated staff and volunteers who have cared so wonderfully for the children over the years. Their commitment, kindness and hard work have made a lasting difference to many families in the village. Barrowby Pre-School has been a valued part of the community for decades and will be fondly remembered by the many children and families who have passed through its doors.

BARROWBY CUBS

Barrowby Cubs took part in the Evelyn’s Butterfly project, as reported last month when the preschool also took part. The Cubs’ butterfly is designed as a Baden-Powell Butterfly Map, using a map of Barrowby to produce a similar map to that which Baden-Powell might have done.

The Garden of Hope installation is going to go around a number of locations between now and September starting at Belton House until 18th April.



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT: GRANTHAM RIVERCARE – KEEPING BARROWBY’S GATEWAYS LITTER-FREE

Barrowby Parish Council would like to say a huge thank you to two amazing local volunteers who have been quietly making a big difference to how our village looks and feels.

For around a year now, two Barrowby-based members of Grantham RiverCare (a volunteer group overseen by Keep Britain Tidy) have been litter-picking on the A1 northbound / A52 slip road and the A52 between the bridge and Rectory Lane. Every few weeks they fill six or more large sacks with litter – and until recently they were carrying those heavy sacks all the way to the SKDC bin on Pastures Road for collection.

To support them, Barrowby Parish Council arranged for new bins to be installed beside the bus stop at the slip road end of High Road and at the end of Rectory Lane, so their official Keep Britain Tidy waste sacks can be collected from there instead. It’s a practical change that saves time and effort, and helps them keep going.

The contents of the sacks show the scale of the problem: mostly fast-food packaging, plastic and glass bottles, cans, wrappers, and other roadside waste – but also items you wouldn’t expect, including clothes, car parts, vapes, batteries, polystyrene, nitrous oxide canisters, and (bizarrely!) numerous cans of Lynx spray, plus multiple bottles of urine. It’s not glamorous work – but it is hugely valuable.

You may spot the volunteers wearing orange RiverCare tabards. They always appreciate a friendly wave (and, as they say, a supportive toot – when safe to do so!).

Interested in finding out more about Grantham RiverCare (recent recipients of The King’s Award for Voluntary Service) or joining them? They welcome new volunteers and can be found on Facebook: @rivercaregrantham.

Once again – thank you. Your time, effort and community spirit are genuinely appreciated.



SPRING FAYRE SUNDAY 26 APRIL 10 - 3 AT THE DEPOT, THE DUCK, WOOLSTHORPE

BBQ - HOMEMADE CAKES AND DRINKS - CRAFTS - TURN UP AND RIDE BOAT TRIPS

GARDENERS’ ASSOCIATION: TIPS FOR APRIL



In the garden:

- Mow and aerate lawns, apply spring fertiliser, and scarify as needed.
- Plant out dormant dahlia tubers towards the end of the month.
- Plant out spring-sown sweet peas.
- Stake delphiniums later in the month.
- Prepare tubs, troughs, and boxes ready for planting shrubs.

On the plot:

- Plant onion sets.
- Sow salad crops and summer cauliflower.
- Sow main crop peas and carrots in the middle of the month.
- Plant out cabbage plants.

SPOTLIGHT ON BARROWBY MEMORIAL HALL.... # 3

Barrowby Memorial Hall has a long and meaningful history in the village. Although it began as a tribute to those involved in WW11, the Hall now represents something even broader. It is not just a building: it is a physical reminder of community resilience, gratitude and shared history. Now the building itself needs care, planning and thoughtful decision-making if it is to continue supporting the village for future generations.

How do we protect and improve this historic space so that it remains both a memorial and a modern facility for everyone?

This is why the Annual General Meeting (AGM) is so important. The people who attend help shape the direction of the Hall, ensuring it remains safe, welcoming, and well-run. Fresh ideas, new volunteers, and community involvement make all the difference.

The invitation is simple: Come along on **Tuesday 28th April at 7pm**, listen, share thoughts, and consider offering whatever help you can, large or small. Every contribution matters.

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH BARROWBY SERVICES

Sunday 29th March
10:00 am Palm Sunday Service

Thursday 2nd April
7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Meal and Service
Please sign up

Friday 3rd April
2:00 pm Reflective Service of readings and songs

Sunday 5th April
Easter Sunday
8:30 am Morning Prayer - BCP
10:00 am All Age Communion Service

Sunday 12th April
10:00 am Holy Communion

Sunday 19th April
8:30 am Holy Communion BCP
10:00 am Families Service

Sunday 26th April
10:00 am Morning Prayer

Children's and Young people's groups :
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CHARITY RUN FOR CHILDREN WITH CANCER UK

Barrowby resident Nathan Taylor is now in serious training for his London Marathon run, in support of this special charity. The London Marathon will take place on Sunday April 26th 2026. Please visit the QR code for information and to donate.

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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)
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