

Signpost



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Your Local Community News



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The Latest from your Parish Council

Welcome to Spring issue of the Signpost magazine for 2025. The magazine is published quarterly by the Langar cum Barnstone Parish Council and delivered to every house and business in Langar, Barnstone and the surrounding businesses, including the airfield. It is distributed quarterly by parish councillors and employees.

Inside the magazine you will find information on up-and-coming events plus reports of recent local events and issues. The magazine is published to keep everyone informed about what is happening around the area and it can also be sent out electronically.

If you would like to add anything to forthcoming issues of the magazine or if you feel we are missing some important information, please contact the Parish Clerk and she will raise the issues at the next Parish Council meeting.

The Parish Council meets in the community hall on the second Thursday of every month at 1930 and is attended wherever possible by all the Parish Councillors, the local Rushcliffe elected representatives, and the Rushcliffe Police Beat Managers.

The beginning of each session is given over to anyone who wishes to raise an issue or to listen to what is happening and anyone is welcome to attend the meeting to make a comment or just to listen to the proceedings.

In December last year we welcomed a new member of the Parish Council, Susie Warner from Langar.

We still have one vacancy for a Parish Councillor if anyone wishes to give their support.

Children's Play Area

As many of you are aware, and as reported in the last Signpost magazine, the children's play area was damaged by vandalism, making it unsafe.

The contractors have now completed the work in the area and all of the equipment has been repaired or replaced and is now open again for adults and children. The contractors have also visited to cut the grass and as it's the first cut of the season they have taken away the grass cuttings.

We again ask parents to be vigilant and report to the Parish Clerk, or the police, any acts of vandalism in the future.

The Multi-Use Sports Field

The multi-use sports field, along with the skate bowl and games area, have also had the grass cut for the first time and the archers have started off their new season in the field area.

The archers are keen to have new members and they regularly hold training sessions for anyone wishing to try archery.

The Parish Clerk has applied for and received a grant to add some extra equipment to the area. The Parish Council would like any older children to let us know what type of equipment they would like to see in the area.

It is also worth noting that as the weather improves there is also a tennis net and other equipment available for the area. Anyone wishing to play tennis should contact the Clerk for further information.

Other Matters

At some recent Parish Council meetings, we received several complaints regarding the road surface in Barnstone. This was pointed out to the Councillors from Nottinghamshire County Council and Rushcliffe Borough Council who attend our meetings. They advised that the road will receive an upgrade as soon as funds become available.

There have been a lot of complaints regarding the mud on the road and paths at the bottom end of Barnstone, as well as parking on the pavement near the new housing development. The police have visited the area and we are advised that Via have been communicating with the farmer and the housing contractors who have promised to tidy the area, and Via have promised to make some repairs to the pavement.

There have been complaints regarding heavy lorries using Works Lane to access the cement works instead of Coach Gap Lane. The issue was reported to the cement works who have promised to update their contractors. The Parish Council is also working with the cement works to try to get some signage in place at the road junction in Langar.

Councillors

We still have one vacancy on the Parish Council and anyone who would like to help out is welcome to visit one of our meetings to find out what is involved.

Councillor John Crosby
Chair Langar cum Barnstone
Parish Council
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Langar Cum Barnstone Community Hall Trustee

On 10 April 2025, the Community Hall Trustee held a meeting with the users of the hall to update everyone on the activities taking place there.

At the meeting, the Chair of the Parish Council and Trustee introduced all the members of the Parish Council who also act as the trustee body of the new hall.

The latest financial report and an update of the hall bookings was given by the Parish Clerk.

The regular users of the hall are continuing to use the premises with the exception of the Singing Group which was run by Dave Williams. Dave has decided not to book anymore as not enough people were attending on a regular basis.

The hall has attracted several new users and children's parties are proving very popular. In addition, there is a new craft group meeting on a regular basis. Special events are also being held such as wedding anniversaries and parties which have reported that the hall is excellent for such events.

The new kitchen has catering and dining equipment which can serve up to 100 people and the chairs and tables can comfortably seat 100 people.

The extra meeting room is a useful addition to the building where small groups and businesses can hire the room totally separately from the main hall, providing extra income and it is hoped that use of this area can be expanded to increase income.

Final Costings for the Re-building of the Community Hall

It is just over a year since the new Community Hall opened, and the Trustee body is now able to present the final report on the costings for the demolition of the old hall and the new build.

Builder's costs,	£659,427
Related professional services (including architect's fees, asbestos removal, bat survey, fire risk inspection, etc)	£36,309
Fitting-out of the hall to date	£18,544
Total Cost	£714,280

All this has been funded by a mix of

Public Works Loan	£399,866
Grants	£263,932
Donations	£50,482

Grants and donations were received from:

Bernard Sunley Foundation
Borough and County Councillors - Community Support Scheme
John Deere Limited
Langar cum Barnstone Parish Council
Lottery Grant Fund
Merrivale Energy Limited
Nottingham County Council Community Scheme
Nottingham Energy Partnership
Private individuals
Roland Gale Legacy
Rushcliffe Borough Council
Skydive Langar
Tarmac Landfill Fund
Vale Arts Group
Vale Market Cafe
Vale Ventures

The Trustee body wishes to express its sincere appreciation to all these grant-givers and donors.

Welcome Space

The Welcome Space started before Christmas last year, using a grant which was obtained by the Parish Clerk.

The space is open every Friday from 11am to 2pm and is attended by 40 to 50 visitors every week including mothers and toddlers. The space is open for anyone to attend and is completely free of charge, so do come along.

Coffee, provided by Mr Chris Aston, and cakes are served along with soups which are cooked on the premises. Cakes and bread are provided by Belvoir Bakers, with additional refreshments provided by several volunteers.

The volunteers also help in the kitchen, and some have taken an online hygiene standards test to ensure we comply with the latest regulations.

Jodie Carter Davies was appointed to run the Welcome space and along with her family are doing a great job for which we offer our sincere thanks.

The kitchen was recently given a check by Rushcliffe Borough Council and we have been awarded a five star hygiene rating which is great news - well done to all involved.

The Parish Clerk is applying for Grants to ensure that the Welcome Space can continue.

Additional Services

The Nottinghamshire Police Rushcliffe South Beat managers, and the Rushcliffe Borough and Nottinghamshire County Councillors are now holding surgeries at the Vale Market Café once a month on a Saturday morning - feel free to come along and chat to them and, if you prefer, your chat can be held in a private room.

Grants

There are still several additions that are required to support events to enhance the use of the hall. The Parish Clerk has already successfully applied for grants to help with this and will continue to do so. One of these has provided funds for a new sound system which is now in place for use by hirers of the hall.

Going Forward

The Trustee the Parish Council and the Parish Clerk will work hard to find funding and new users of the hall.

If anyone has any ideas which we could implement to increase the usage of the hall, please do get in touch as there are quite a few gaps in the weekly calendar which we would love to fill.

Councillor John Crosby
Chair of the Parish Council and
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Councillor's News for Spring 2025

Upper Broughton, Hickling, Kinoulton,
Langar cum Barnstone,
Colston Bassett, Hickling Pastures
From Cllr Tina Combellack
Cllr.tcombellack@rushcliffe.gov.uk

Crocuses planted by a resident on
Kinoulton Green



Belvoir Vale RDA

is an independent charity which is proud to be a member group of the Riding for the Disabled Association. They offer a wide range of equestrian opportunities for adults and children with disabilities. The group is based at a new state-of-the-art RDA Centre at Colston Bridge Farm between Cropwell Bishop and Colston Bassett.

It has been a great success and in the first year, the participant numbers have risen from 28 at the old site to over 125 at the new Centre with a 300% increase in volunteers to over 65. County Councillor Neil Clarke and I were very happy to offer support for a funding grant from Boots Charitable Trust which I am glad to say was successful.

Local Government Reorganisation

Our Rushcliffe Borough Council Leader Cllr Neil Clarke has given a further

update on the latest on Local Government Reorganisation (LGR). We will take a report on LGR to our Extraordinary Full Council meeting on March 20 2025, with papers being published this week on March 12.

The report will outline our preferred option along with three other potential options for reorganisation. These have been developed by Pricewaterhouse Coopers (PWC) following discussions with the Leaders of all Nottinghamshire local authorities.

Subject to the vote on March 20, it is anticipated that we will formally propose our preferred option of the City remaining on existing boundaries and the remainder of the County comprising two unitaries - which would result in no parts of Rushcliffe Borough joining the city.

Cllr Clarke said "*My first priority is the residents of the Borough and the high quality of services they enjoy in the Borough and the County, while keeping Council Tax low.*

We do not want to see any reduction in services or any potential large increase in Council Tax. The County-only option would be our second preference, however, the other alternative proposals, in their current form, are not acceptable to this Conservative Council.

Rushcliffe Borough Council will fight to protect vital services for all its residents. Many adjoining areas face significant financial cutbacks and any attempt to join Rushcliffe with such Councils would lead to potential closure of services such as libraries, leisure centres and other community and amenity facilities.

I emphasise our priority will always be the residents of the Borough of

Rushcliffe and by endorsing the first preference of a 'County 2 unitary' model, will ensure our stable financial management remains fit for sustainable excellent services for our residents in the future, with high quality services remaining at the top of our agenda."

It follows an initial statement on March 6 that highlighted the **core options for discussion at the respective Full Council Meetings of all nine local authorities:**

1. A new unitary authority combining Nottingham, Broxtowe, and Gedling, with a second new unitary authority for the rest of Nottinghamshire.
2. A new unitary authority combining Nottingham, Broxtowe, and Rushcliffe, with a second new unitary authority for the rest of Nottinghamshire.
3. Nottingham city remains a unitary authority, with a new single unitary authority for the rest of Nottinghamshire.

Leaders accepted that some councils may still wish to continue to explore additional proposals that Cllr Clarke has referenced above.

Leaders also agreed that the next stage of submissions in November would require a more detailed analysis of individual options, and agreed to emphasise to Government that a review of current boundaries may be required, to ensure that LGR delivers the best outcomes for local communities.

More updates to follow.

Responsible Dog Ownership



Dog owners in Rushcliffe are being reminded to pick up after their pooch and carry a bag or have other means to collect their waste or face a possible £100 fine.

Rushcliffe Borough Council have thanked the vast majority of owners who always responsibly pick up after their pet but are aware, unfortunately, not all follow the rules.

Action around it continues on engaging and educating dog owners on their responsibilities, responding to many complaints, monitoring hotspot areas and applying the fixed penalties where necessary.

Dog fouling on public footpaths, tow paths and playing fields can cause many problems and in the worst cases leads to blindness due to an infection called Toxocariasis caused by the round worm *Toxocara canis*, found in dog faeces.

Chinese New Year

Rushcliffe is a very integrated society and we have residents from all around the world.



Cllr Clarke and I helped celebrate Chinese (Lunar) New Year in Bingham where there were incredible, interesting, colourful, entertaining and exciting events for all the family. Put it in your diary for next year - 17 February to 3 March 2026.

Events and dates for your diary

Welcome space, Langar cum Barnstone Community Hall every Friday morning
Breakfast @ Hickling Village Hall first Sunday in the month

Breakfast @ Colston Bassett Village Hall last Sunday in the month

Breakfast @ Langar cum Barnstone Community Hall second Saturday in the Month, including Police and Councillor surgery.

Scarecrow weekend in Hickling 13/14 September

Upper Broughton Art Show. 9/10/11 May

RSVSCG Rushcliffe South Village Safety Community Group (incorporating Neighbourhood Watch)

Neighbourhood Watch is alive and running in many of the villages throughout the Borough. Colston Bassett have 54 members signed up on the WhatsApp group helping to keep their village safe. Co-ordinators are always required to spread the information. Contact your Parish Council if you would like to help

I again pressed the point at the recent meeting of RSVSCG that whilst half the Nevile & Langar Ward – Colston Bassett and Langar - is well served by Police Officers and PCSOs attending Parish Council meetings, village Community breakfasts and holding monthly surgeries, the remainder of the Ward - Kinoulton, Hickling & Upper Broughton - receive little or no service.

Support at RSVSCG meetings from local village representatives helps considerably. There were 32 villages represented at the meeting on 3 March.

If you would like to help your village stay safe contact me

cllr.tcombella@rushcliffe.gov.uk

Sam Perkins



Rushcliffe Leader Cllr Neil Clarke has sent sincere condolences on behalf of the Council to the family and friends of Motor Neurone Disease campaigner Sam Perkins from East Leake who sadly passed away recently.

He said: "It was so sad to hear that Sam has died. He was so inspiring in raising awareness of this terrible disease through Stand Against MND. He won the Pride of Rushcliffe award at our annual Celebrating Rushcliffe Awards in 2022 for his stringent efforts. Our sincerest condolences go out to his family and friends"

If you have any queries relating to Borough Council matters do not hesitate to contact me - Cllr Tina Combella

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Or for County Council concerns
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Transitioning to digital landlines: everything you need to know

You may have heard that landlines are changing and that the UK's telephone network is going digital. These changes will affect everyone who has a landline they'd like to keep using. You needn't worry: for most people, the switch is incredibly simple. Here's what you need to know and how you can help friends or family members who may be concerned.

Earlier this year, BT and Neighbourhood Watch partnered to help communities navigate this change, particularly in rural and hard-to-reach areas, across England and Wales. With 250 events planned, our volunteers are busy raising awareness, answering questions and supporting the switch.

However, there's still work to be done to ensure everyone, particularly vulnerable people, know about the switch, what it means to them, what they need to do to prepare – and how you can help them.

That's why we're looking for your help in spreading the word. Here are four things to know about the switchover – and how you can help your loved ones:

Now is the time to inform and educate: ensure family members and friends understand the switch, why it's happening, and how to prepare. Households will receive at least four weeks' notice before switching.

It's easy – and comes with added benefits too: switching is simple, requires no extra cost, and includes features like spam call blocking for enhanced security. BT's Enhanced Call Protect prevents around 20,000 scam calls a day.

Notify us of their circumstances: if you or someone you know has additional needs, a Telecare device or healthcare pendant, or feels they need extra support with the switchover, contact your home phone provider. Free engineer visits and battery backups are available to ensure a smooth transition.

What if they don't have broadband? A dedicated landline service will be provided to maintain traditional landline functionality without requiring broadband.

We're inspired by our volunteers' dedication to spreading awareness and ensuring everyone stays connected.

Have questions or need help? Visit the Connected Together website
or if you're a BT customer, call 0330 1234 150

Signpost

If you have an advertisement or an article which you would like to appear in the Signpost Magazine, please contact our Parish Clerk for details: **Sharon Ellis,**

Parish Clerk 07984 075016 or langarbarnstoneclerk@gmail.com

Deadline for articles in 2025/26

11 July 2025

17 October 2025

Period covered by magazine

August, September, October 2025

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1st Barnstone Brownies

The very first meeting of our Brownie Unit was held on 20th April 1955 in the Village Hall. This means we are celebrating our 70th Birthday. If anybody can fill in any of our history from that time to 1980 when Brown Owl, then Tawny Owl, came on the scene, please let us know.

We are hoping to have an Open Evening and a Ceilidh in June to celebrate, and, of course, there will have to be cake! Our future however is uncertain.... we need new leaders to come forward and join our team to support our thriving band of 24 Brownies.

In the meantime since Christmas, we've been busy, taking part in the District Thinking Day event in Radcliffe with over

100 other Rainbows, Brownies and Guides.

At our meetings we've been working on the 'Know Myself' theme badge bringing our Collections in to show, ranging from fossils to Pokémon!

We had a go at Street Dancing with Chelsea and Emma from Sunflower Studios and had a visit from Dave Matthews who helped us with our DIY as part of the 'Skills for My Future' theme badge.

If that's not enough, Ava has made her Promise, we've made Easter nests and had an Easter Egg Hunt and so it goes onand long may it do so!

Best wishes
The Owls and the Brownies



Welcome

New to Langar and Barnstone?

Find out all you need to know on the Parish Council Website

www.langarbarnstone.co.uk

CEILIDH/ BARN DANCE

Barnstone Brownies

70th ANNIVERSARY

SATURDAY 21st JUNE

7.30 – 10pm



Langar cum Barnstone Community Hall

Tickets Adults £10, Children £5

Available from Dot Clayton (01949 860022)

All children must be accompanied by an adult

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Welcome Space

The Trustee of Langar cum Barnstone Community Hall would like to express their thanks to the Freemasons 5196 for their generous donation towards the Welcome Space.


The Welcome Space is a weekly, free community event open to everyone. We provide hot soup, rolls, and cakes kindly donated by Belvoir Bakery, along with additional cakes made by generous visitors from the community.

If you would like to contribute to the Welcome Space, please contact the Parish Clerk for more information on how to donate.


Thank you for your ongoing support.



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Granby, Barnstone and District

I have informed the Branch Members and Committee that I will not be standing for re-election as Branch Chairman at our next AGM in October.

I have held the post since June 2007 and I think it is now time for us to consider the future of our Branch.

The Branch was formed in 1930, and it would have been good to have been able to continue to serve our community for its centenary celebrations and, perhaps, beyond. I feel that with my departure we are left with four possible options:

1. A new Branch Chairman is elected. This needs to be someone with the drive and commitment to ensure that the Branch continues to serve its members and our community.

2. The Branch seeks to amalgamate with a larger local Branch, such as Bingham. If this were to happen we would need to determine how the Branch would be able to serve our community as part of the larger Branch.

We would need to consider how the annual Poppy Appeal and Remembrance Sunday Services would be undertaken, and whether we would still be able to parade our Branch Standard.

3. The Branch would seek to ask the Nottinghamshire County Committee of the RBL if they would administer the Branch on behalf of the members. Again, we would need to seek reassurance about the undertaking of the Poppy Appeal, local Remembrance Sunday Services and the parading of the Branch Standard.

4. To formally close the Branch, discontinue activities regarding the Poppy Appeal and Remembrance Sunday Services and decommission the Branch Standard.

The Branch Committee are seeking the views of our Branch Members and the wider community before formally making a decision on which of the four options mentioned above it would wish to choose.

If you have any views on this matter, the Committee would welcome your input. Please contact me and I will forward your views to the Branch Committee.

Thank you for your support.

Andrew Charlett
Branch Chairman
Email: acharlett289@btinternet.com



Bingham and District Audio Magazine

Bingham and District Audio Magazine is beginning its 40th birthday celebrations by launching the podcast version of the magazine and it is now up and running for anyone wanting to keep abreast of local news, stories and people who have done interesting and exciting things in our community.

The Audio Magazine was launched in September 1985 by a group of people who wanted to bring local news and events to more vulnerable people who could not access community events from their homes. Since then it has developed a vast archive of materials and continues to deliver discs to the listeners every month.

The podcast launch is the beginning of our 40th birthday celebrations. In July the annual Strawberry Tea will be held at the Bowls Club and on 13th September the big party will take place at the Methodist Hall which will include guest speakers, highlights from our vast archive of items from the last 40 years, entertainment and a sumptuous buffet for guests to enjoy.

You can join our lively and ever growing community by listening to our podcast in lots of different ways. Search for 'Bingham Audio Magazine' in Spotify, Amazon Music, Apple Podcasts or any other general podcast provider. If you have an Amazon Echo device, you can even just say 'Alexa, play Bingham Audio Magazine podcast!' You can also access the podcast on the internet using:

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Rushcliffe Social Prescribing

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For more details, please visit <https://www.rushcliffehealth.org/rushcliffe-social-prescribing>

Rushcliffe Social Prescribing Community Hub - Join us at the Community Hub to help enhance your Health and Wellness together with a huge variety of wellbeing workshops e.g. Breathwork, Qi Gong, Yoga, Health Education Talks, Inclusive Dance, Cooking, Crafts, Willow Weaving and much, much more!

When: *Mondays 10am - 4pm (drop-in sessions with social prescribers for signposting, information, and support 10-12pm)

Where: West Bridgford Young People's Centre, Bridgford Road, West Bridgford, NG2 6AT (next to the library)

For adults 18+ registered with a GP surgery in Rushcliffe.

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Langar cum Barnstone Parish Council has Parish Councillor Vacancies

**If you wish to apply, or require any further information about being a councillor, please contact: Sharon Ellis, Clerk to the Council
[**langarbarnstoneclerk@gmail.com**](mailto:langarbarnstoneclerk@gmail.com)**

COMMUNITY HUB

What is on?

Weekly drop-in Mondays 10am-12pm - meet with a Social Prescriber for signposting information and support

Wellbeing workshops e.g. Breathwork, Qi Gong, Yoga, Health Education Talks, Inclusive Dance, Cooking, Crafts, Willow Weaving & much more!

For: Adults aged 18+ registered with a GP Surgery in Rushcliffe

When: Mondays 10-4 pm

Where: West Bridford Young People's Centre, Bridford Rd, West Bridford, NG2 6AT



Drop-in Mondays 10am-12pm for more information, support and signposting

To see our wellbeing workshops and book on use the QR code on the right or visit:

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Rushcliffe South Police Radcliffe, Bingham, Cotgrave, Leake and Keyworth

Hello, and welcome to the latest Neighbourhood Policing Blog for Rushcliffe.

It's fair to say it's been a very busy month for not only my team, but also the response and CID teams who work in Rushcliffe. We've seen an increase in demand and calls for service in the February & March period, and our officers have been working extremely hard to deal with the calls, as well as managing the increased number of arrests which come from this work.

So firstly, a huge thank you to the officers working in Rushcliffe for their continued hard work, and also thanks to the public of Rushcliffe for your support and information which has supported some key arrests, specifically in relation to some recent incidents of robbery where bikes were stolen.

I have reviewed the priorities for the coming quarter, and having taken into consideration the crime figures, intelligence, public concerns and issues raised by partner agencies, the following 3 priorities will be in place between April and the end of June 2025

- 1 – Burglary
- 2 – Shop Theft
- 3 – Drug Supply & associated ASB

We have seen an increase in reports of burglary in 2025, and I'm keen to ensure we get on top of this series as soon as possible.

Whilst I'm pleased to report a number of significant arrests recently, I'm not complacent, and we will continue to assess intelligence, and seek to target harder our communities who are most impacted.

We've also seen an increase in reporting of shop theft, and whilst that is in part due to our better relationships with shops leading to increased reporting, the increased demand has led to more prisoners to deal with, and we'll therefore seek to utilise all available preventative measures such as Criminal Behaviour Orders to target prolific offenders, and stop them committing crime.

Only last week, we charged and convicted one of our most prolific shop thieves with 22 offences, and he received a 30 week custodial sentence. Drug supply has been well targeted in early 2025 with a series of warrants, arrests, and searches, some of which have yielded tremendous results as outlined in previous blogs, however I'm acutely aware of the persistent ASB that low level drug use and supply can cause, so we'll continue to focus on that as we move in to the warmer weather, focusing on public spaces.

I'm please to announce that we'll be obtaining the services of three new PCSOs very soon. I've been keen to increase the number of PCSOs I have working in Rushcliffe, so it's great news that the new staff will take up their posts in early May, with two being posted to Rushcliffe North to be based at West

Bridgford, and one being posted to Rushcliffe South to support the established team there. I met the new recruits last week at HQ, and I'm pleased to report they're extremely keen to get started, and will be very welcome, and valuable assets to the team here in Rushcliffe.

I've completed a Rushcliffe Community Impact Assessment with regards to Football Policing, and in conjunction with colleagues from the city side of the river, we'll be collating this information to assist in supporting the planning of football policing operations with regards to Nottingham Forest games. Many thanks to those who contributed to the feedback.

The main concerns around inconsiderate parking in residential areas, impact of road closures on local residents, as well as ASB linked to noise and alcohol consumption have all been noted, and form part of this document.

On a lighter note to finish, I was very proud to have been involved in the celebration of the 100th birthday of retired Police Officer Jane Sinclair in March. I was contacted by colleagues from the Met Police (where Jane served as an officer, joining them in the late 1940s) who informed me of the century milestone for Jane, and we were able to arrange a visit to our HQ building where Jane met our Deputy Chief Constable, Steve Cooper, as well as having a tour of HQ, and the new control room.

It was a pleasure spending some time with Jane, and listening to her stories of Policing both in London, and Australia, in a very different era to today. Jane was great company, and I hope she enjoyed her visit. Happy Birthday, Jane!

Thank you

Tim Cuthbert, Neighbourhood Policing Inspector for Rushcliffe.

Community Book Share



Our book-sharing scheme has got off to a great start. Amazingly there has been an almost 100% turnaround in books donated during the last three months. The sharing scheme has given us access to a refreshed and varied selection of great books to enjoy. Please be sure to take time to browse the book

shelves whilst you are visiting the Community Hall. Purple sticker books are the latest onto the shelves. You can keep, pass on or just return your chosen books. Be inspired and enjoy the pleasure of reading.

Shirley Crosby

News From Your Local Beat Officer

I have been the Beat Manager for Cotgrave and Wiverton for nearly three months now and I am slowly getting to know the area and the community whilst I have been out and about on foot patrol or in a police vehicle. So, this article is a good way of introducing myself to members of the community who I have not had the opportunity of speaking to. Going forward I hope to use this article as a good way of addressing in part some of the issues which people are concerned about in the area.

Unfortunately, I need to report that there has been a spate of dwelling burglaries across Rushcliffe South which does include Cotgrave and Wiverton. The purpose of these burglaries appears to be to steal high value motor vehicles. Here are a few ideas to enhance home security:

Key Storage: Keep car keys out of sight and away from doors and windows. Consider using a signal-blocking pouch (Faraday Pouches) for keyless entry vehicles to prevent relay attacks.

CCTV & Video Doorbells: Installing security cameras or video doorbells can help deter burglars and provide evidence if needed.

Security Signage: Even if you don't have a full security system, displaying signs or stickers about alarms or CCTV can deter intruders.

Routine Checks: Before going to bed, do a quick check to ensure all doors, windows, and entry points are locked.

Steering wheel locks are a great deterrent against vehicle theft, especially for high-value or keyless-entry cars. Thieves are less likely to target a car with a visible lock. Choose a high quality

lock, fit it correctly and ensure it's secured tightly to prevent removal.

Additional Vehicle Security Measures

Keyless Entry Theft Protection: Use signal-blocking pouches (Faraday pouches) to prevent relay attacks.

Wheel Clamps & Pedal Locks: For extra security, consider using wheel clamps or pedal locks.

OBD Port Protection: Thieves can access the On-Board Diagnostics (OBD) port to clone keys—use an OBD lock or disable it when not in use.

GPS Trackers: Install a tracker to help locate your car if stolen.

Garage & Driveway Security: Keep vehicles in a locked garage or use a driveway post to block access.

CCTV & Security Lights: Motion-activated lights and cameras can deter thieves.

It has been good to be given the opportunity to write this article but another way you can keep up to date with Policing issues in your area is by signing up to Notts Alert. This is your local community alert system. It provides free timely updates from organisations you can trust, as well as an easy way to have your say about policing where you live.

Please visit www.nottsalerts.co.uk for more information.

If you need to report anything, please call 101 or visit www.notts.police.uk to report online. Alternatively if you wish to remain anonymous please call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Thanks for taking the time to read this article and I hope it may be of some use.
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January 2025 : A new year and hopefully some new ideas and some interaction from the newly elected Committee Members.

Vale Arts Group held our Annual General Meeting on 7 January in the Hall. Fourteen members attended and six apologies were accepted. Chairman's and Treasurer's reports were discussed and accepted. Four new positions have been introduced and so the Committee consists of six members. All positions were voted upon and filled.

Our Annual Social Evening was held in the Unicorn's Head in Langar with twenty five people attending and this included partners. It was a very enjoyable evening and Simon, Jessie and team prepared an excellent buffet which was consumed along with several beverages by all there.

February 2025 : I mentioned in the previous Signpost that we were having Harriet Morley to come and give us a Felting Course. What an event both Tuesdays turned out to be. Three hours each day with a lot of enthusiasm and mice and toadstools appearing out of wool. As you can see from the attached photos, our Group is not all ladies, we have a few gents as members too. A new member, Sheila Williams, welcome to our Group.



March 2025: Good attendance every week and so nothing much to report. The Group's members hang three pictures a month in the hall and I have heard nothing but praise and there has been a sale too! We are open to all Arts media and are a friendly group that meet:

Where: LANGAR cum BARNSTONE COMMUNITY HALL – Main Street Barnstone, NG13 9JP.
When: Every Tuesday afternoon between 2pm and 4pm
How: Contact Details: Gillian Clarke Phone 01949748288 or 07963819669 or email philigansgc@gmail.com.



As spring approaches, Belvoir Archers will change their main shooting venue from the Community Hall to shoot on the community field on a Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.

During the winter we have shot in the Langar cum Barnstone Community Hall on a Tuesday, Thursday evening as well as coaching sessions on alternative Saturdays.



We are running two beginners course this year:

Course 1 is on Friday 9 May , Saturday 10 May , Friday 16 May and Saturday 17 May 2025

Course 2 is on Friday 27 June, Saturday 28 June, Friday 4 July and Saturday 5 July.

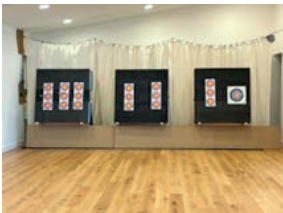
Friday is 6 to 8:30pm , Saturdays 10am to 1pm.

We are also running taster sessions on 29 May, 19 June, 31 July and 28 August.

All our sessions include all equipment, and you will be coached by three Archery GB qualified coaches. Booking is essential for these sessions.

If you are interested in trying archery or wish to have a go, please contact us it is very addictive.

More information can be found on our web page www.belvoirarchers.co.uk or email us on coaching@belvoirarchers.co.uk



We have registered to hold four tournaments this year as well as four tournaments for the National Crossbow federation on the community field as well as three competitions for club members.





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