

Signpost



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Your Local Community News



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The Latest from your Parish Council

Welcome to the spring edition of the Signpost Parish Magazine for 2026. Published quarterly by the Langar cum Barnstone Parish Council, the magazine is delivered to every house and business in Langar, Barnstone and Langar Wood. It is also delivered to local businesses and to Langar Airfield. The magazines are voluntarily delivered by Parish Councillors and employees.

Inside the magazine you will find information on forthcoming events plus reports of recent local 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, then 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 open to anyone who wishes to raise an issue which has been concerning them. Local residents are welcome to attend to listen to the proceedings. The Council also welcomes anyone who is applying for planning permission to explain their requirements so that we can fully understand what is being requested.

Email and Website

Over the past few weeks, in line with government security guidance, the Parish Councillors and the Parish Clerk have been required to change their email addresses to gov.uk emails. We are also working on changing the parish website address to the same format. A full list of the new email addresses is published alongside the members' list in this magazine.

Road Problems in Langar and Barnstone

At a recent Parish Council meeting in the community hall, a number of concerned villagers attended to voice their concerns about the condition of the Main Road from Langar to Barnstone and also Works Lane.

The Chair decided to adjust the agenda of the Parish Council meeting to allow more time for the Councillors to hear the complaints and to hold a general discussion giving everyone a chance to speak and voice their concerns.

In addition to the Parish Councillors, Councillor Clarke and Councillor Pearson from Nottinghamshire County Council and Councillor Combellack from Rushcliffe Borough Council were also in attendance and they contributed to the discussion.

It was pointed out that the Chair had invited councillor Bingham from Nottingham County Council to attend as he is responsible for the County's Highways. A letter of apology was received from Councillor Bingham stating that he was unable to attend the meeting.

It was noted that the Parish and County Councillors present had been trying to get work done on the problem roads for some time, however only temporary repairs had been carried out which had continuously failed.

Councillors Clarke and Pearson stated that there was a full Nottinghamshire County Council meeting the following month and that if the villagers in attendance organised a signed petition from those concerned, along with other members of the community, then they would personally present the petition at the meeting.

Joan and Andrew Charlett and Sue Gibbons took charge of the petition and achieved over 300 signatures an amazing result which had a great effect. The letter, detailed in this magazine, shows the results of the petition. Since then, it has been confirmed that a full resurfacing of the Main Road from Langar to Barnstone will be carried out this year and Works Lane at a later date. Both dates are to be confirmed.

We are grateful to all the people who took part in the discussion and the signing of the petition and for Joan, Andrew and Sue in their work to pull things together.

Letter from Jamie Earls, Highway Network Manager, Nottinghamshire County Council

Petition regarding the maintenance of roads in Barnstone and Langar, Rushcliffe (Ref: 2026/6)

“I am writing to inform you that your petition regarding the hazardous conditions of the roads in Barnstone and Langar was presented to the County Council at its Full Council meeting on 19 March 2026 by Councillor Stephen Pearson and Councillor Neil Clarke MBE.

Your petition is now being investigated and will be considered by the Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment at a future date. When the Cabinet Member has completed their considerations, I will write to you again to inform you of the outcome of your request.

Once the Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment has considered your petition, its outcome will also be reported to the next available County Council meeting. Agendas and reports for County Council meetings are available to view via the following link”

<https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/dms/Committees.aspx>

Wildflower Area

As the warmer weather approaches, it is lovely to see the wildflower area next to the crossroads between Langar and Barnstone in full bloom. We protect this area from cutting in the spring time and it is now full of wild flower blossoms which is also good news for the wildlife in the area. The area in front of the Unicorn Public House in Langar is also beginning to develop thanks to the work of our Lengthsman, Luke Mazers.

Antisocial Behaviour

Over the past few weeks, we have had reports of some antisocial behaviour in the parking area near the cement works in Works Lane. Once reported to the police our local Beat Manager, PC Matt Pooley, made a number of visits to the area and the situation has improved. However there still appear to be a number of visitors to the area who think it is acceptable to throw litter

from their cars into the hedges and therefore we have to rely on volunteer litter pickers to clear up the mess. The volunteers picked up a large number of bags of dumped rubbish around Works Lane, Coach Gap Lane and Langar. We are very grateful for their hard work.

As you walk around the villages, it is important that if you see things which are out of order, please then don't just put it on Facebook but report it to the police so that they can act upon it.

Multi Use Sports Field

The sports field in front of the cement works is regularly used by the local archery group throughout the summer. Last year we installed the tennis nets inside the multi use area for use during the summer. This was very successful so it is our intention to put the nets up again for the summer for everyone's enjoyment. We are keen to further develop other uses for the field and the Parish Clerk is happy to receive any ideas from anyone in the villages.

Volunteers

As you may know the Parish Council is made up completely of members from the local community who volunteer to give their time to help the local community. It is also noted that many of the groups which are active in the community around Langar and Barnstone are also supported by members of the public. These people volunteer to help out with events in the community hall, such as Brownies, Vale Market Café, Welcome Space and Book Club as well as other activities that take place outside of the hall such as Litter Pickers and Speed Watch.

The Parish Council have discussed how we could develop further events to support the local community and as such would like to set up a volunteer working group who could get together and meet to organise and put on some other activities using the sports field or the community hall.

If you are interested please contact the Parish Clerk.

Councillor John Crosby
Chair Langar cum Barnstone Parish Council
cllrjcrosby@langarcumbarnstone-pc.gov.uk

Langar Cum Barnstone Community Hall Trustee

The members of the Parish Council also act as Trustees of the Community Hall and we meet on a regular basis to discuss the running of the community hall.

We look at the financial state of the hall because as a charity we are required to ensure that the running of the charity is sustainable. We are pleased to state that to date, the costs of running the hall are being covered by the income received from users of the hall. Although there have been a few increases in costs, especially for the services, the decision was taken not to increase the charges for this year.

Our new caretaker, Alan Carter Davies, has been undertaking some work to keep on top of the running of the hall. Paintwork which had been damaged in the main hall has been repaired using a higher quality paint which will be easier to clean. In addition, some extra storage space has been created in the office and in the chair storage area as the storing of equipment has been difficult.

Volunteers

Over the past year several people have given up their time to volunteer for various events and clubs which take place in the hall and around the villages. The Trustee decided to put on an event in the hall to say thank you to all our helpers.

The food was prepared by members of the Trustee and the Welcome Space team and the entertainment was provided free by a local group of musicians who use the hall to practise. It was a lovely evening and everyone had a good time and enjoyed themselves.

Hall Users

The use of the hall continues to grow with the regular users and with some new groups who are now becoming regular users. This helps to sustain the use of the hall in the community. There are still some spaces available for regular use and for one-off events. There is also a meeting room which is available for hire separately, even when other events are taking place in the main hall. The Trustee is keen to develop further use of the facility by the local

community and is hoping to set up a group of volunteers to organise events. Anyone wishing to volunteer please get in touch.

Welcome Space

The space is open every Friday from 1100 to 1400 and is attended by forty to fifty visitors every week, including mothers and toddlers. The space is open to anyone and is completely free of charge so please do come along.

If you feel like a chat with friends over coffee and cake or a light lunch then everyone is welcome. If you would like to meet others from around the villages please feel free to come along and you will be made welcome by all the friendly people who attend.

Home made soups are served and these are cooked on the premises. Cakes and bread are provided by Belvoir Bakes and also 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.

Hannah at Welcome Space

Every Friday from 1100 until 1400, the Trustee have sets up a help desk run by Hannah Whitaker. Hannah gives help to anyone who needs advice with their computer equipment, emails, mobile phones and tablets etc. There is also a printer available if you need to print documents.

We have provided two laptops, a large screen monitor and a wireless mouse and keyboard. The equipment is completely separate so you can feel safe using the equipment with Hannah's help.

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 suggestions or ideas about what we could do to improve usage of the hall, please do get in touch.

Please note that the Trustee and the Clerk have changed their email addresses to .gov.uk emails.

Councillor John Crosby
Chair of the Parish Council and Trustee
cllrjcroby@langarcumbarnstone-pc.gov.uk

Volunteers - We Need You!

As you may know, the Parish Council is made up of members of our community who volunteer to give up their time to serve on the Council. They also serve as Trustees for the Community Hall and as you can imagine, this involves a lot of work.

The Trustee has discussed how we could develop further ways to support the local community and as such, we would like to set up a Working Group which could assist the Trustee with the running of the hall and who could organise activities/events using the sports field or the community hall.

We are looking for people who have energy and enthusiasm to assist with such things as monitoring the online booking system, or delivering the Signpost Magazine. The Parish Council/Trustees can't do everything alone so we really need your help. If you are interested in helping us, please contact the Parish Clerk on

clerk@langarcumbarnstone-pc.gov.uk

Signpost Magazine Volunteer Needed

The Signpost Magazine is published quarterly by the Parish Council and is distributed to every house in Langar and Barnstone, also to the local businesses.

It is compiled by a member of the Parish Council who has done so for a number of years now. We are looking for a volunteer to take over this job, so are you handy with a computer? It's not a difficult task and full training will be given.

If you have some spare time and would like to help your community, please contact the Parish Clerk on

clerk@langarcumbarnstone-pc.gov.uk

Meet Your Parish Councillors



My Name is John Crosby and I have been a Parish Councillor for a few years now and for the past two years I have been the Chair of the Parish Council. I trained as an electrical engineer in the north of England and for many years I

was a volunteer fire fighter and youth leader. I was the Managing Director for a company which produced fire control equipment and later electronic devices for the mobile phone base stations. I was in charge of the whole group with factories all around the world based in the USA as well as an office in Lincolnshire.

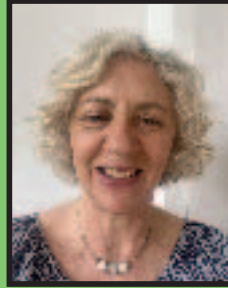
I worked as a volunteer director of the Learning and Skills Council and the Chamber of Commerce for Lincolnshire and Rutland. I moved to Barnstone in 1995 and since retiring I joined the Parish Council

cllrjcroby@langarcumbarnstone-pc.gov.uk



My name is Sharon Ellis and I am the Parish Clerk for Langar and Barnstone and I manage the Community Hall. When I'm not busy with parish work, I enjoy spending time with my family and travelling to new places.

My contact details are 07984075016
clerk@langarcumbarnstone-pc.gov.uk



My name is Nicky Pulford and I am the Vice Chair. Of the Parish Council. I have lived in Barnstone for 18 years. I joined the Parish Council because I wanted to to become more involved in my local community and I

enjoy painting, sewing, reading, Pilates, walking our dogs and travelling to France in our motor home. Please get in touch if I can help in any way - we're a friendly bunch!

cllrnpulford@langarcumbarnstone-pc.gov.uk



James Brown lives in the village with his family and enjoys being involved in local community life. He runs engineering and technology businesses and is keen to use his experience to support local projects, community

spaces, and events. James believes in common-sense solutions, listening to residents, and helping the village continue to be a great place to live.

cllrjbrown@langarcumbarnstone-pc.gov.uk



My name is Trevor Simpson and I have lived in Langar since 2009. I have been a Parish Councillor for several years and I am also a Churchwarden for St. Andrew's Church in Langar.

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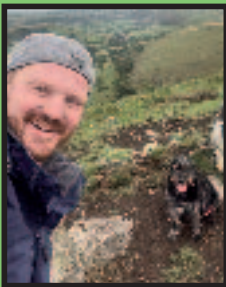
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My name is Rich Brooks and I've lived in Langar since November 2019 and love it here. My partner and I have a camper van and try our best to get away in it whenever we're able to. In the summer months we try to go to at least

one music festival as my happy place is a field, with friends and good music. We've also got two dogs and you will have more than likely seen me walking them (they seem to enjoy the routine just as much as I do!). I also like running, although I have been described on more than one occasion as a fair-weather runner and this would 100% be correct. I joined the Parish Council to help the community and have found it really rewarding. My inner nerd also loves the levels of bureaucracy that it brings!

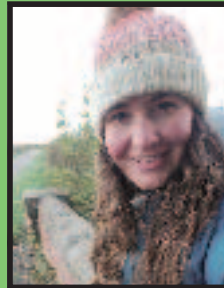
clrrbrooks@langarcumbarnstone-pc.gov.uk



My name is Lee Whatton. Having been a Barnstone native coming up to eight years; it's the peaceful backdrop which appeals. With a love for the outdoors, countryside, dogs and family (not necessarily in this order!) I will be often found out and

about around the village running or being walked by our two dogs. As testified by my peers within the Parish Council, I'm also fond of a holiday, or four. Feel free to say hi!

clrrwhatton@langarcumbarnstone-pc.gov.uk



Hello, I'm Rebecca Tinker and I've lived in Barnstone for seven years. I love the outdoors and enjoy hiking, swimming and paddleboarding. I also like to read and bake. You'll usually find me out for a walk around the village or serving cake at the Welcome

Space on a Friday. I also help to organise the community litter picks.

clrrtinker@langarcumbarnstone-pc.gov.uk

Langar cum Barnstone Parish Council Councillor Vacancy

Langar cum Barnstone Parish Council currently has one vacancy for a new Parish Councillor.

This is an exciting opportunity to play an active role in your community. As a Councillor, you will also serve as a Trustee of the Langar cum Barnstone Community Hall, helping to support and shape this valued local facility.

We are looking for someone who is proactive, community minded and enthusiastic about making a positive difference to our villages.

Join our friendly and busy Parish Council. Your ideas and energy can help make Langar and Barnstone an even better place to live.



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Get a 'No Uninvited Callers' sign for your door

Doorstep sellers can be very persuasive. Trading Standards receives hundreds of complaints from people who have bought goods or have had work done on their home following high pressure selling and lived to regret it.

You can learn more about your rights when buying from doorstep sellers, including cancellation rights, in our how to deal with doorstep callers leaflet.

To request a door sticker, go onto the Nottinghamshire County Council website <https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk> and search for Get a 'no uninvited callers' sticker for your door. You can have a sticker sent to your home or you can download a PDF copy.

Locked	Keep your door locked
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The Vale Market Café

Saturday 9 May 2026



**Langar cum Barnstone
Community Hall 10 am – 12 noon**

**Eat, drink and chat with friends and neighbours
Browse the stalls and purchase locally made
or sourced produce and exchange books**

Next dates: 13 June, 11 July 2026

**We are looking to create a pool of additional volunteers
who we can call upon when the need arises, on an ad hoc basis.**

**The duties aren't onerous! It could be washing up,
making tea, clearing tables or buttering cobs!**

**If you would like to be part of our lovely team, please email
claire.pegg1@gmail.com Everyone is welcome - Thank you**

**After much thought, Andrew Charlett has decided to step down as
Chairman of the VMC, a role he has held for 15 years!**

**Joan, his wife, has also taken the decision to put away her baking
equipment as she draws to a close her 'career' as a cake maker
extraordinaire.**

**VMC volunteers would like to thank both Andrew and Joan for their
tireless work for the Cafe and the wider community.**

Thankfully, they have agreed to continue as volunteers....

**Vale Market Cafe volunteers are pleased to report that the Cafe has
been awarded a Food Hygiene Rating of five stars following a
successful inspection by Environmental Health**

The Welcome Space

The Welcome Space continues to flourish and is held most Fridays from 1100 to 1400. Visitors are invited to enjoy hot soup, fresh bread rolls, and a selection of delicious cakes.

A big thank you goes to Belvoir Bakery for donating cakes and bread rolls each week, to Cotgrave Community Kitchen for their generous contributions, and to local residents who kindly provide cakes.

A 'goodie' table is usually available for anyone to help themselves.

Special thanks go to the Welcome Space Coordinator, and the volunteers, whose hard work and dedication make all of this possible. The team warmly welcomes both familiar faces and newcomers alike.

The Welcome Space offers much more than refreshments. Visitors can enjoy

- A jigsaw table
- Games
- A toddler area
- Books from the community library
- Newspapers
- Basic computer advice from Hannah



There is always something to do, someone to chat to, or a quiet corner to relax in a warm and welcoming atmosphere. Suggestions for new activities are always welcome, as the Welcome Space continues to grow and evolve.

Not only does the Welcome Space provide a friendly gathering during the colder months, but it also offers a warm and inclusive environment for everyone. This is a free community event, open to all.

Interested in helping out? We'd love to hear from you.

Please contact the clerk at: clerk@langarcumbarnstone-pc.gov.uk



LOGISTICS ADMINISTRATOR (PART-TIME JOB SHARE)

Hours: 16 hours per week Monday & Tuesday + holiday cover – Tarmac Cement, Works Lane, Barnstone. NG13 9JT – Drop your CV to office reception or email niki.heath@tarmac.com

We're looking for an organised and proactive **Logistics Administrator** to support weighbridge operations and daily logistics planning at our Barnstone site. You'll play a key role in keeping stock moving efficiently and ensuring we maintain **zero out-of-stocks**.

WHAT YOU WILL DO:

- Operate the weighbridge and ensure accurate vehicle weighing
- Coordinate vehicle movements with drivers, yard teams and dispatch
- Plan and schedule daily RTU cement dispatches aligned to production and customer demand
- Adjust plans quickly when delays or urgent needs arise
- Monitor stock levels across the plant and remote depots
- Support with returns, rejected loads, and product queries
- Maintain compliance with health and safety and environmental standards
- Use systems such as SAP or fleet planner to manage orders and dispatch data
- Produce daily/weekly reports and escalate any discrepancies
- Communicate clearly with internal teams and hauliers

If you want to know more then drop in and see Niki in the main office. Looking for someone to start as soon as possible.

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Boxing Day saw our annual shoot, with twelve archers taking part. It was a very sunny but cold day, with no wind on the field



During the winter we shot in the Langar cum Barnstone Community Hall on Tuesday and Thursday evenings as well as coaching sessions on alternate Saturdays.

As the weather becomes warmer, Belvoir Archers will change their main shooting venue from the Community Hall to the Community Field on a Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.

We are running two beginner courses this year

Course 1

Friday 15 May
 Saturday 16 May
 Friday 22 May
 Sunday 24 May

Friday 1800 to 2030
 Saturday 1000 to 1300

Course 2

Friday 17 July
 Saturday 18 July
 Friday 24 July
 Saturday 25 July

Friday 1800 to 2030
 Saturday 1000 to 1300

Taster sessions

Saturday 2 May
 Saturday 6 June
 Saturday 11 July
 Saturday 8 August
 Saturday 5 September

1000 to 1200

Our sessions include all necessary equipment and you will be coached by four ArcheryGB 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

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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

Parish Clerk 07984 075016 or clerk@langarcumbarnstone-pc.gov.uk

Deadline for articles in 2026/27

17 July 2026

16 October 2026

15 January 2027

16 April 2027

Period covered by magazine

August, September, October 2026

November, December, Jan 2027

February, March, April 2027

May, June, July 2027

Langar cum Barnstone Parish Council Community Speedwatch Volunteers Needed

Speeding is the most common complaint we receive from Langar and Barnstone residents. In response, the Parish Council is looking for additional volunteers to join the Community Speedwatch Team.

If you're concerned about speeding in our villages and would like to help make a difference, please get in touch to join the team or to find out more.



**Contact the Parish Clerk: clerk@langarcumbarnstone-pc.gov.uk
Tel: 07984 075016**

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SUMMER FAIR

FROM
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26TH JUNE

TRADITIONAL GAMES
FOOD STALLS
LICENCED BAR
KIDS ACTIVITIES
FACE PAINTING
AND MORE!

EVERYONE
IS WELCOME!

LANGAR PRIMARY SCHOOL
BARNSTONE ROAD

Stalls Available - Email friendsoflangar@gmail.com





Vale Arts Group

Spring has definitely sprung and the snowdrops, daffodils and tulips have been spectacular this year.

We have managed to sign up 25 members so far this year with some new artists, Dawn and Karen joining the group. Welcome ladies and we hope you will be happy with us.

I was asked by our members if we could have another workshop and Anne Wright suggested Tony Player. There was general agreement to that, so we set the wheels in motion. Tony has been teaching art for a very long time and he has previously presented workshops for us, which were enjoyed by participants.

The workshop took place on 31 March and the afternoon was extended by an hour. Members were given a list of requirements from Tony and

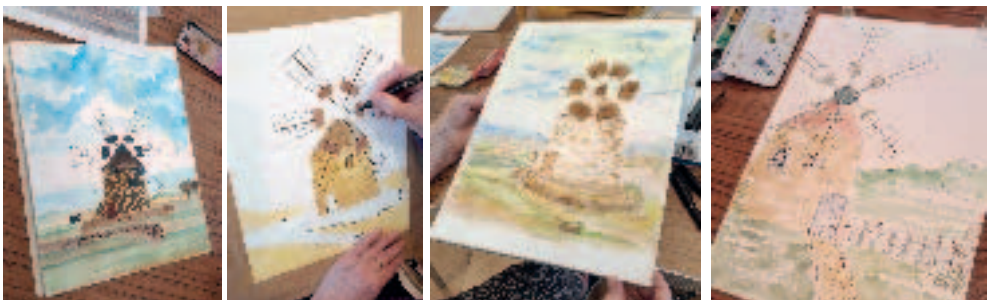
the word 'Windmill!'. Fourteen of us, plus two extras, attended the workshop and a very enjoyable afternoon was had by all.

It never fails to surprise me just how people visualise the same picture so differently! Fourteen completely different windmills appeared, some of which are shown below.

We are going to hold an Art Exhibition in the Community Hall as it will be our tenth anniversary in August this year! This will take place on Sunday 2 August, details to follow.

A renowned artist, Tim O'Brien has contacted me in regard to giving us an afternoon workshop – details to follow in the Signpost!

Any enquiries please contact me: GILLIAN CLARKE, 01949748288, or philiangsgc@gmail.com



The Great British Spring Clean is almost here!



The 2026 Great British Spring Clean, hosted by Keep Britain Tidy, runs from 13th to 29th March and we're helping to spread the word that the environment belongs to every one of us.

Litter picking is a simple action which we can all do to make an immediate and drastic difference to our environment and places where we live, work, and play!

Would you like to join in with the national efforts and get involved in the Great British Spring Clean 2026?

Please get in touch with our Streetwise Team who can help by providing litter pickers, disposable gloves, hi-vis vests and bin bags.

Email the team at streetwise@rushcliffe.gov.uk or call 0115 981 9911.

The Great British Spring Clean is almost here!

Parish Council Website

The Parish Council is planning to update or replace its website to ensure it meets new legal requirements, and this brings an exciting opportunity to rethink what the website could offer our community. Rather than being just a collection of statutory documents and meeting papers, a parish website can be a useful and engaging place for residents to find local information, news and updates about life in Langar and Barnstone.

The Parish Council would like to hear about what residents would actually like to see on the website. This could include local events, community groups, village information, or clearer explanations of what the Parish Council does and how you can get involved. If you have any ideas or suggestions, please email the Parish Clerk at clerk@langarcumbarnstone-pc.gov.uk

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Councillor's Spring Newsletter

Rushcliffe to Freeze Council Tax - and help the vulnerable in the community

As well as honouring our green credentials the Council are very aware of the burden currently facing residents and are therefore freezing its portion of their council tax bill.

As said by The Portfolio Holder for Finance, Cllr Davinda Viridi

"we also aim to help individuals and families wherever we can in their time of need if diagnosed with a terminal illness. It is important we take proactive action to support some of the most vulnerable in our community."

However, we are still committed to investing in health and well being infrastructure and our core environmental priorities. This is in the face of real term reductions in government funding. We face the same risks as any other council but due to astute financial management we are in a relatively stable financial position but cannot be complacent".

Scam alert: fake garden waste subscriptions

Other local authorities in the county have been experiencing a scam involving fake garden waste subscriptions. Please be assured we will never post any subscription leaflets through your letterbox.



To renew or join our garden waste service, this is always completed via our online form. Our official sticker, pictured, will be sent directly to residents once they've subscribed.

Blue Bin Recycling

New items which can now go in your blue bin from 31 March 2026 are: Aluminium foil or trays, plastic pots, food trays, fruit and vegetable punnets and Tetra Pak.

Your new blue bin lid sticker

Please place inside of your blue bin lid

Great news, you can now recycle even more!

Just follow these simple steps:

1. Rinse out your items and replace all lids, including trigger and pump sprays
2. Make sure your items are clean and dry
3. Pop your items in the recycling bin (loose)

Please do not put loose trigger and pump sprays in the recycling bin.

Remember **glass bottles and jars** go in your separate glass recycling container.

Yes please	No thanks
Plastic bottles, pots, tubs, food trays and tins	Food waste
Paper and card	Nappies and sanitary waste
Tins, cans and aerosols	Polystyrene containers and packing
Clean foil and metal food trays	Plastic film including crisp packets, pet food pouches and plastic bags
Cartons and Tetra Pak	Textiles and clothes

Do not put batteries, vapes or electrical items in any of your kerbside bins.
If in doubt use the free Recycling Checker at www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/recyclingchecker

Parking on Pavements

Whilst this is not an offence – driving on the pavement is! The Police are very aware and concerned.

Please be aware that it not only impedes the safe passage of pedestrians, those with mobility aids, wheelchairs and buggies, it erodes the pavements and ultimately costs each one of us extra in Council Tax.

The Vale Market Café

Serving the famous Vale Monster breakfast, is held on the second Saturday in the month and is well worth a visit. The Police often hold a surgery so you can pop along for a chat about any matters of concern.

Welcome Space

Every Friday the Langar cum Barnstone Community Hall is open from 11am-2pm to bring residents together to prevent isolation. Free hot soup, tea, coffee and cakes are available, also newspapers and magazines, computer access, WIFI, board games and much more so please come along.

Don't forget if you have any Rushcliffe Borough Council related worries or concerns you can contact me cllr.tcombella@rushcliffe.gov.uk or for County matters Cllr.john.cottee@nottscc.gov.uk

1st Barnstone Brownies

Since our last article, we've been busy bees and had lots of fun! In February we covered Valentine's Day, Pancake Day and the Winter Olympics in one session!

Pitch and Putt

We made our very own Pitch and Putt course, using golf clubs made from newspaper!



Pancake Day



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Girl Guiding's Annual celebration of Thinking Day (on 22nd February) is when we think of other Brownies and Guides around the World.



The girls enjoyed having henna tattoos done as a tribute to the Sangam (Indian) Guiding movement.

For Mother's Day, Brownies gave cards and potted primroses.

Easter was celebrated with lots of egg-related games, rabbit and chocolate linked activities!

We welcomed four new Brownies who were enrolled on 10th March.

The unit currently has 24 Brownies. We were sad to say goodbye to both Serena and Alice recently, both of whom had attained their Gold Award...Well done!

Thank you to all parents and leaders. Please get in touch if you have any questions or would like to volunteer.

We meet every Tuesday evening 6pm – 7.30pm in term time at Langar cum Barnstone Community Hall, Main Road, Barnstone, NG13 9JP

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Dorset Apple Cake

Ingredients

- 150g/5½oz unsalted butter, softened, plus extra for greasing
- 75g/2½oz caster sugar
- 75g/2½oz soft light brown sugar
- ¼ tsp ground nutmeg
- ¼ tsp ground cinnamon
- ¼ tsp fine salt, plus a pinch
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 3 free-range eggs
- 175g/6oz plain flour
- 35g/1¼oz wholemeal flour (or wholemeal spelt flour)
- 2 tsp baking powder
- 2 medium Bramley apples, cored, peeled and cut into 1cm pieces
- 1 tbsp cornflour
- 15g/½oz demerara sugar



Method

- Preheat the oven to 190C/170C Fan/Gas 5. Grease and line a 20cm/8in cake tin with baking paper.
- Beat the butter, caster sugar, light brown sugar, nutmeg, cinnamon, salt and vanilla extract together using an electric mixer, until light and fluffy.
- Add the eggs one at a time, beating well after each addition.
- Mix the flours, baking powder and a pinch of salt together in a separate bowl, then gradually mix into the butter, sugar and egg mixture using a spatula or wooden spoon. Stir well to make sure there are no pockets of flour.
- Mix the apple pieces with the cornflour until well coated, then combine with the cake mixture.
- Tip the cake mixture into the prepared tin and sprinkle with demerara sugar. Bake for 45 minutes, or until a skewer inserted into the middle comes out clean.

Remove from the oven and allow to cool completely in the tin before serving with a cup of tea or a drizzle of cream.

Bird Word Search



Birds of a Feather



Word list:

BLUEBIRD
CHICKADEE
DOWBIRD
CROW
DOVE
DUCK
EAGLE
EGRET

FENCH
GOLDFINCH
GOOSE
HAWK
HERON
KESTREL
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