

Kingston-on-Soar Parish Newsletter

November 2024

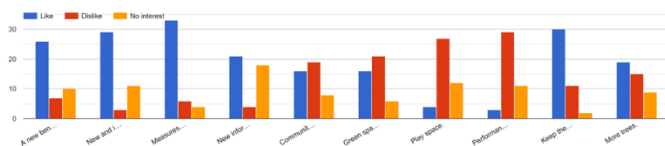


Kingston Village Green Improvements

During September 2024, Kingston on Soar Parish Council undertook a consultation to gather residents views on what improvements they wanted to see on the Village Green. The consultation paper presented lots of initial ideas to stimulate the discussion. Every household was sent a consultation document and questionnaire, which were either completed online through the parish website or in hard copy.

We were very pleased to have received a total of 43 responses, and thanks go to those who took the time to respond with constructive comments, and indeed offers of help. Also, thanks to Stoas architects for their pro bono support with the consultation plan. There were a wide range of comments received and it was no surprise that not everyone agreed.

Q3 - The consultation plan shows lots of different potential ideas. Which of these do you like or dislike:



The majority feedback was as follows:

- An enhanced maintenance regime with regular grass cutting and removal of grass clippings
- Some making good of the damaged grass areas through ground preparation and reseeded
- Measures to prevent cars parking on the Green and damaging the grass
- Replace the existing bench.
- A new bench from the existing stump (if viable)
- Replace the tree that died

There was some appetite for wildflower areas to improve biodiversity but this wasn't the majority view. The consultation process has flagged up that the Church intends to create a wildflower area within their grounds, which will help to address this need.

Our next steps will be to apply for funding for the Pump House repairs and Green improvements, however, some of the funding sources we were aiming to apply for will no longer be eligible with the current more conservative proposals.

Parish Council Matters

The village consultation also raised a number of other comments and concerns from parishioners which are outside the scope of the Green project but are worth responding to here:

- The Parish Council are not responsible for repairing private sector boundary walls and fencing. In the case of the damaged wall and fence by the bridge, these are in private ownership, and we have contacted the owners, but we have no powers of enforcement.
- There were several complaints about hedges encroaching the footpath in the village. Some of these need to be cut back to the fence line to allow clear access rather than just trimming off new growth. We politely request that residents try to keep the footpath as clear as possible and do the cutting back over the winter before the bird nesting season starts again in February.
- The car park is a village car park owned by the Parish Council and accessible to all residents and visitors and not just for users of the village hall.
- The gravel access road to the houses through the Green is not in the ownership of the Parish Council and isn't a part of the maintenance regime.

Another New Parish Councillor

We are delighted to welcome Gary Devine onto the Parish Council. Gary resides in New Kingston and moved to the village four years ago.

For the first time in many many years we now have a full complement of seven Councillors.

Christmas Services at Kingston Church

St Winifred's Church in Kingston will host the following Christmas services:

Carol Service. Sunday, 1st December. 18:00 – 19:00. The service is the traditional 9 lessons and carols, with mulled wine and mince pies after. The Carol Service will be well known carols so anybody can come for a singalong. So do join them for a festive start to Christmas.

Family Crib Service. Tuesday, 24th December. 16:00 – 17:00. The service is suitable for children of any age. Mulled wine and mince pies will be served afterwards.

Christmas Eve Communion Service. Tuesday, 24th December. 22:00 – 23:00

Community Cinema at Gotham



The next community cinema film at St Lawrence Church, Gotham is on Friday 22nd November at 7.00pm (doors open 6.30pm).

As a condition of their licence they are not able to advertise the name of the film, but are able to give you a flavour of what the film is about.

Even in his early days as the country's leader, Churchill is under pressure to commence peace negotiations with Hitler or to fight head-on the seemingly invincible Nazi regime, whatever the cost. However difficult and dangerous his decision

may be, Churchill has no choice but to shine in the country's darkest hour.

There is no entrance fee, but donations are welcome.

Remembrance Sunday

Many thanks to the volunteers who helped put up the poppies throughout Kingston for the remembrance Sunday commemorations.

5 Parish Group

The 5 parish group continue to meet regularly to review wider development proposals that affect our rural villages. There are over 20 current planning or project proposals that are on our watch list, from solar farms, battery storage to freeport and gypsum extraction.

The current task is to review the latest round of consultation on the Greater Nottingham Strategic Plan.

Highways and Footpaths

The Parish Council continue to lobby Highways about the poor state of our roads and pavements.

The Rushcliffe highways District Manager and our County Councillor recently met with our Chair to look at the footpaths on Station Road and between Kingston and Kingston Hall, the road condition on West Leake Lane and various overgrown hedges.

Mobile Library

The mobile library stops in Kingston on Soar once a month. It will be at the Village Hall between 13.35 and 13.55 on the following dates in 2024/5:

2024 – 20th Nov; 18th Dec;

2025 – 15th Jan,

For more details visit:

<https://www.inspireculture.org.uk/reading-information/libraries/mobile-libraries/west-mobile-route-11/>

Planning Applications

- No new applications received

All planning applications are available to view on the Rushcliffe Borough Council planning portal.

<https://planningon-line.rushcliffe.gov.uk/online-applications/>

Future Parish Council Meetings

The next Parish Council meeting is scheduled for Monday 13th January 2024 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall.

There is a standard agenda item for parishioners who wish to attend and raise any questions. Please do check the Parish Council website in case the meeting date has had to be changed for any reason.

Aircraft Noise

If you are being affected by aircraft noise, you can report it by e-mailing community@eastmidlandsairport.com or by using the automated complaint line on 0845 108 8540 or filling out the online Noise Complaint Form: <https://complaints-eu.emsbk.com/ema5>

Source: www.eastmidlandsairport.com/community/environment/contact-us

Newsletter Articles

If you would like to share a news story in the Parish newsletter, or would like a digital copy of the newsletter, please email me on:

cllr.dfairbanks.kingstonpc@gmail.com

More information is kept on the Parish notice board and website:

<https://www.kingstononsoar.org.uk/>

Village Facebook page* – “What’s on in Kingston on Soar”

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/category/Community-Organization/Whats-on-in-Kingston-on-Soar-121837239212174/>

*Please note that the Village Facebook page is a community run page and not managed by the Parish Council

Your Parish Councillors are:

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This is our last Newsletter of 2024. Wishing everyone a wonderful Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

