

Kingston-on-Soar Parish Newsletter

January 2025



Flooding

Almost 12 months to the day when we had flooding last January, the East Midlands experienced some of the worst flooding on record on the 6th January, with East Leake, Zouch, Gotham, Kingston and Sutton Bonnington all affected.

Zouch was particularly badly hit with people needing to be rescued from their homes.

As usual the Kingston bridge flooded, and as usual someone decided to ignore the signs and got stuck.



We are not aware of any houses being flooded in Kingston, although several gardens have been affected.

Thank you to our volunteer flood wardens. There's been some awful stories in the press about the verbal abuse of flood wardens across the country, so please be nice.

We are looking into whether the depth gauges on the sides of the bridge can be made any clearer for motorists.

West Leake Lane Planned Roadworks

From Monday 27th January until Sunday 9th February the National Grid will be undertaking ducting and cabling works which requires West Leake Lane to be closed between its junction with Gotham Road, for a distance of 600 metres in a southerly direction.

The diversion will be Dark Lane – Main Street – Pithouse Lane – Melton Lane – Station Road – Gotham Road and vice versa.



In addition, from Wednesday 5th February to Tuesday 18th February between 08:00 and 16:00 National Grid Electricity Distribution will be undertaking overhead works to involve dismantling and reconductoring of the overhead line on West Leake Lane approx. 30m south of nr 63. There will be a temporary obstruction and estimated 15 minute delay.

Sutton Bonnington Bridge and Road Closure

Network Rail will be demolishing 8 bridges between Normanton on Soar and Sutton Bonnington, this is going to lead to 4 years of traffic inconvenience and road closures. The only route into Sutton Bonnington will be off the A6006. Work to rebuild the stone wall along the railway line will be taking place between now and Easter.

No Parking on the Village Green

Could people please stop parking their cars on the village green.

It is causing terrible damage, and the costs of repairs will need to be paid for by increased Council Tax bills.

The village car park behind the village hall is free to use.

Recycling Small Electrical Items

Residents can place small electrical items on the top of their blue bins for collection.

This includes the following items and the list could be extended in the future:

- Kettles
- Toasters
- Irons
- Lamps - must have bulb removed
- Hairdryers
- Straighteners
- Hair clippers
- Shavers
- Electric toothbrushes
- Games consoles
- Digital clocks
- Digital watches
- Remote controls
- Torches
- Calculators
- Laptops and tablets
- Cameras and camera chargers
- Mobile phones
- Radios

Residents are advised to fully wipe and remove any data cards from laptops, tablets, cameras or phones before being left on a bin to be recycled.

For larger electrical items including microwaves, fridges and freezers please either book a bulky waste collection or take them to one of Nottinghamshire's 12 recycling centres where they will be separated for recycling.

Items with built-in batteries do not need to be removed before recycling and removable batteries such as AAA, AA and 9V are as ever requested to

be left in a separate bag on the top of any coloured bin.

Do we need another Defibrillator? Let us know your opinion

The main part of Kingston on Soar village has a defibrillator located in the old telephone box.

In the event of an emergency this is outside of reach for residents living in New Kingston and Kingston Fields. The Parish Council has been approached by a resident to consider installing a second device and we would like to get your feedback.

The initial set up costs are likely to be between £2,000 - £3,000 with ongoing maintenance costs of £250 a year. There are also some practical issues to be considered such as location, housing and electricity supply, but before we look further into the viability, we would like your opinion as to whether you are supportive of this idea.

We have opened a poll on the Parish Council website under the news section. Let us know your thoughts.

<https://www.kingstononsoar.org.uk/news/proposed-defibrillator-for-new-kingston/kingston-fields-15-jan-2025>

East Midlands Airport

East Midlands Airport has installed new specialised scanners so all belongings can be left in bags when going through security. This is one of the first airports in the country to use the technology.

Two jumbo jets have started flying from East Midlands Airport. The airport is clamping down on noise breaches with fines and the flights are not allowed to take off after 11pm.

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

Rushcliffe & Notts County Council Services

When reporting issues around the village there are a number of services that are managed by either Rushcliffe Borough Council or Notts County Council and it is far quicker to report it directly to them than via a Parish Councillor. These include flooding, potholes and highways.

There is a useful list of numbers at the back of the Connection (A453 churches) magazine which is delivered to all houses and also available on their website.

<https://www.453churches.com/whats-on/messenger/>

Local Community Directory		
EMERGENCY NUMBERS		
Police, Fire, Ambulance	999	
In case of NHS emergency	111	
Electrical Emergencies (Such as a power cut)	105	
National Gas Emergency	0800 111999	
Flooding	0115 981 9911	
To request sandbags	0115 981 9911	
Severn Trent drain floods	0800 783 4444	
If gullies are flooded	0300 500 8080	
To report fly tipping	0115 981 9911	
POLICE		
24 hours non-emergency	101	
Rushcliffe South Beat	101 Extension:	3189966
Manager: PC1530 Kelly Carille		
OUR BOROUGH COUNCILLOR		
Rex Walker	07812 146386	
VILLAGE HALL CONTACTS		
Barton Village Hall	07834 409220	
bartonvhbookings@gmail.com		
Gotham Memorial Hall	07817 801809	
Kingston Village Hall	07017 044255	
Thrumpton Village Hall		
www.thrumpton.org.uk		
TRANSPORT		
National Rail Enquiries	0345 748 4950	
National Express	0871 781 8181	
East Midlands Airport	0808 169 7032	
EDUCATION		
Old Co-op Nursery	0115 983 0003	
Toybox Childminding	07954 175641	
Gotham Pre-School	0115 983 1272	
Playgroup	gothamplaygroup@live.co.uk	
Gotham Primary School	0115 914 9751	
East Leake Academy	01509 852424	
USEFUL NUMBERS		
Gotham Library	01623 677200	
Gotham Village Surgery	0115 983 0011	
Orchard Surgery Kegworth	01509 674919	
QMC	0115 924 9924	
City Hospital	0115 969 1169	
Circle Treatment Centre	0115 919 4477	
Childline	0800 1111	
Samaritans	116 123	
Domestic Abuse Hotline	0808 802 3333	
NG11 Foodbank	07538 916757	
Foodbank referrals	0115 983 0007	
RSPCA	0115 784 1110	

Reorganisation of Local Government

Consultation is underway for a major reform of how local government is structured in the East Midlands. The plans could see all seven District and Borough Councils being abolished with Nottinghamshire County Council becoming a Unitary Authority.

The proposal is to reduce the number of tiers of local government and create more efficiencies across councils services.

Parish Councils will remain.

Community Cinema at Gotham



The next community cinema film at St Lawrence Church, Gotham is on Friday 24th January 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.

Based on the true story of Saroo Brierley who, at the age of 5, was separated from his family in India as he fell asleep on a train and woke up 1,600 kilometres away from home. Saroo was later adopted by an Australian couple and after 25 years, he began searching for his Indian family.

There is no entrance fee, but donations are welcome.

Mobile Library

The mobile library stops in Kingston on Soar once a month. It will be at the Village Hall between 13:00 and 13:25 on the following dates in 2025:

2025 – 12th Feb; 12th Mar; 9th Apr; 7th May; 4th June; 2nd July; 30th July; 27th Aug; 24th Sept; 22nd Oct; 19th Nov; 17th Dec; 14th Jan 2026

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/>

VE Day 80th Anniversary Celebrations

Following on from the success of D-Day 80th Anniversary celebrations - 6th June 2024, through the lighting of over one thousand beacons and five hundred lamp lights of peace throughout the United Kingdom, Channel Islands, Isle of Man and UK overseas territories that night, there will be national celebration of the 80th Anniversary of VE Day which marked the end of the war in Europe and WWII as a whole on 8th May 1945, in a similar way.

National celebrations will take place either on Bank Holiday Monday (5th May) or Thursday 8th May 2025.

The government have announced that there won't be an additional Bank Holiday on the 8th May.

The Parish Council will be considering whether there is an appetite in the village for a celebration, but we would need volunteers to get involved. If this is something you would be interested in, do contact a Parish Councillor or come along to our March parish council meeting.

More details of planned national celebrations can be found here:

<https://www.veday80.org.uk/>

Future Parish Council Meetings

The next Parish Council meeting is scheduled for Monday 17th March 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.

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:

Mark Johnson (Chair) Planning; Traffic and Highways	51 West Leake Lane 0115 983 0316
David Fairbanks (Vice Chair) Wider development matters & Newsletter Editor	The Old Rectory, Kingston Fields 07570 068675
Gill Aldridge Finance and Village Hall Committee	2 Long Row 01509 672944
Stuart Dale Environment	24 Kegworth Rd 07899 957380
Julia Hutchison Airport; and Parish Council representative on the Village Hall Committee; snow warden	28 Kegworth Road
Julie-Ann Biddles	3 Long Row
Gary Devine; Traffic and Highways	9 West Leake Lane
Parish Clerk: Rebecca Hague	49 Main Street, Rempstone. 07795 246923 kingstononsoarparishcouncil@gmail.com