

Kingston-on-Soar Parish Newsletter

May 2025



Annual Parish Meeting

The annual parish meeting was held on 12th May.

Chair Cllr Mark Johnson gave his annual statement:

I would like to start, as is the norm, by thanking all the members of the Parish Council, especially our clerk, and our Borough and County Councillors, for your work over the past 12 months and your continued support for the next 12. It is worth reminding you all that the Parish Councillors carry out their work on a voluntary basis and we are non-political in our decision making as it is all for the good and benefit of the Parish.

I would like to add a special thank you to Matt Barney, our outgoing County Councillor, for the passionate and tireless work that he has put in at his level, over the past 4 years, for our Parish.

Now the dust has settled, there will be a different make up to the political landscape of the Borough and County Council, more details will be published in the May newsletter.

As per last year's report I would like to offer additional thanks to 4 other individuals, 2 of whom regularly carry out maintenance checks on the defibrillator, which is vital for the community, and our 2 volunteer flood wardens.

With flooding in mind, most of the residents will be aware that we have had to deal with this issue once again this year, and thanks to the resolve of residents, they have come together and helped where they could with true community spirit. Again we witnessed, with disbelief, a number of drivers who believed the signs to be fictitious and tried their luck at getting through the flood water. So, thank you for your help, and take a pat on the back, you know who you are.

Highways problems remain, we are in the hands of the highways department and their schedule for work.

Thank you to all the residents who completed the village green survey. A summary of the findings is that the majority wish to have the grass kept short and stop parking on the green. The PC has now taken steps to keep the area better maintained and during the upcoming year the PC intends to address the problem of illegal parking on the green and the refurbishment of The Pump.

A resident suggested a second defibrillator for Kingston Fields/New Kingston, the PC sought views from residents but there was little support, so it was decided not to proceed.

We have welcomed 2 new Parish councillors, Julie-Ann Biddles, and Gary Devine which now gives us a full complement.

Once again, in closing I would like to remind you all, that, although we have a Parish Council the quality of life and the look of the Village is a 2 way street, so your help and input is and will remain, something that will be greatly appreciated.

County Council Election Results

The Nottinghamshire County Council election in May saw the Reform party taking majority control of the Council, winning 40 of the 64 seats.

The Leake and Ruddington elected candidates are Andy Brown (Conservative) and Stuart Matthews (Reform).

The turnout was 39%.

Reorganisation of Local Government

The Government's desire to create larger unitary authorities and scrap Borough Councils have taken a step forward. Nottinghamshire County Council

has formally agreed to submit the plan for local government reorganisation and has endorsed its preferred option at its Full Council Meeting on Thursday 20 March.

Councillors voted in favour of the county-only solution of two new unitary authorities made up of the existing city council and one made up of the remainder of the county incorporating all current existing districts and borough councils.

However, since the vote, the County Council now have a different controlling party who have yet to state their views.

The Rushcliffe Borough Council preference, is for the City remaining on existing boundaries and the remainder of the County comprising 2 unitaries, which would result in no-parts of Rushcliffe Borough joining the city.

A final proposal is expected to be submitted to the government by November 2025

Any new structure is likely to be implemented in 2027 or 2028.

There are no proposals to change the structure of Parish Councils.

Public Consultation on the draft Local Nature Recovery Strategy

The Public Consultation on the Draft Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS) for Nottinghamshire and Nottingham is currently live and open until the **16 June 2025**. They want as many people as possible from across Nottinghamshire to look at the draft strategy and to comment on it. This is so that they can take into account the views of all the people who will be able to help to deliver nature recovery once the LNRS is published.

All the information you need to look at is on their consultation website

– www.notts naturerecovery.co.uk

Here you will be able to view and download the written Statement of Biodiversity Priorities and other associated documents.

You can view the online Local Habitat Map which shows the important areas for nature recovery in the county. The map is best viewed on a laptop or desktop device. There is a short video user guide to

explain how to click on and off the different mapping layers.

There is also a list of FAQs (Frequently Asked Questions) to provide background information on the LNRS process as well as examples of existing Nature Recovery Projects in the county.

Garden Walkabout 2025

The 43rd Sutton Bonington and Kingston on Soar Open Gardens will be held between 2pm and 6pm on Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th June. If you would like to be involved, please email sbkgardenopen@gmail.com or contact Janine on 07766 815251.

All proceeds go to Cancer research.

Learn CPR in 15 minutes

Each year over 30,000 people have an out-of-hospital cardiac arrest in the UK. Less than 1 in 10 survive. Giving CPR promptly and using a defibrillator can more than double someone's chance of survival.

Many people either wouldn't know what to do or would be worried they were doing the wrong thing.

The British Heart Foundation are running a campaign to get more of the public trained in CPR.

They have developed a free, interactive, online CPR training course called RevivR. In just **15 minutes**, you can learn how to save a life and receive your very own CPR certificate.

It couldn't be simpler – you just need your mobile phone or tablet and a cushion to practice on.

Go on, give it a go. I'm sure you can spare 15 minutes. You never know when you might need it.

<https://www.bhf.org.uk/how-you-can-help/how-to-save-a-life/how-to-do-cpr/learn-cpr-in-15-minutes>

Sutton Bonington Community Shop

Now that Marle Pit Hill has reopened, a reminder of the community run Post Office and gift shop in Sutton Bonington.

The Post Office there offers a full range of postal services and also provides banking facilities for most banks, free cash withdrawals and Euros over the counter.

There are also locally handmade and Fairtrade gifts, greetings cards for all occasions, stationery supplies, free range eggs and a whole lot more.

The shop was saved from closure in 2021 and established as a not-for-profit Community Benefit Society. An offer of community shares at the time was heavily subscribed and this has helped secure the shop's long-term future. Shares are still available and you are warmly invited to become a valued shareholder and thus help preserve a vital village amenity.

To find out more about shareholding or for any other information please contact Andy Sparrow (07814448916)

Soar Valley Bus Day Trips

Throughout the year Soar Valley Bus organises a number of excursions to places of interest and local amenities. Such trips help to alleviate social isolation, allowing people living in rural areas to get out and about at a small cost. The trips are open to everyone to enjoy. Seats are allocated on a first come, first served basis and can be booked by calling 01509 672778 or by completing the online booking form.

<https://www.soarvalleybus.co.uk/>

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/>

The Annual Big Lunch

The Big Lunch is the UK's annual get-together for neighbours and communities, with millions of people coming together for a few hours of friendship, food and fun. It's a great way to get to know each other better, have a good time and celebrate where you live.

This year it will be on the 7th & 8th June.

<https://www.edenprojectcommunities.com/the-big-lunch>

Join in and let's feed community spirit.

Local Events this Summer

Get out and about this summer to support events in our surrounding villages.

It's now easy to get around with the Notts Bus on demand. Here's a few events coming up:

- 24th May - Normanton on Soar Fun Day 12 - 4 at the village hall
- 2nd August – Normanton on Soar picnic in the park
- 5th September - Sutton Bonington Show dance
- 7th September - Sutton Bonington village show
- 14th September – Normanton on Soar church fete
- Tbc September – Kingston on Soar Beer Festival
- 10th to 12th October – Thrumpton Beer festival

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 – 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/>

East Midlands Airport

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

Future Parish Council Meetings

The next Parish Council meeting is scheduled for Monday 14th July 2025 at 7.30pm 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
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