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24th October:
United Nations Day

HALAM NEWS

October 2025

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Bin Collection Dates

Green (Mon): 6th, 20th,
Brown (Fri): 10th, 24th
Silver (Mon): 13th, 27th
Teal (Tues): 28th



Parish Pump



Halam Harvest Events

We are lucky enough to have two Harvest events taking place in the village this month - firstly, the Halam Events Team Harvest Supper on Friday 3rd October at the Waggon - more details including the full menu and details on how to book are included later in this newsletter. Secondly, the Halam Parish Council's afternoon tea will be held on Sunday 12th October in the Village Hall - see advert below. It would be great to see as many villagers at these events as possible!

Halam WI

For our October meeting, we are excited to hear from Halam resident, Fran Critchley, who will be teaching us how to decorate a range of autumnal cupcakes. In addition to our normal monthly meeting, everyone is welcome to come along to our Autumn Fair on 11th October in the Village Hall - more info on the ad below. New members are always very welcome and if you would like to find out more please follow us on social media @HalamWI or contact halamvillagewi@gmail.com.

Save the Date: Bags 2 School

The next Halam School "Bags to School" collection will take place on Tuesday 25th November. By getting involved in the collection, you have an opportunity to sort through your cupboards & wardrobes & donate unwanted textiles - this can include adults' & children's clothes, shoes (tied together please), hats, belts, handbags & soft toys, (please refer to www.bag2school.com for full details of what can & cannot be donated). Bags have to should be left outside the school office (under the entrance shelter if raining) before 9am on the day. If you can't drop on the day, please contact Gemma Bust (07813 923575) to arrange to drop your bag.



Save the Date

HALAM WI AUTUMN FAIR

Saturday 11th October at Halam Village Hall

10am - Midday

Cakes Jams Chutney Chocolate Tombola
Children's Crafts Tea & Coffee

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INSPIRING WOMEN



PARISH
Halam
COUNCIL

Halam Parish Council
invites you to
a Harvest Celebration

Afternoon Tea

in the village hall
2 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Sunday 12th October
with cash bar



An update from the Bevans Family...

We just wanted to pop a little message in the village news this time to say a huge thank you to the Davies family for their lovely write-up in the August edition, for all the lovely messages and gifts from you all, and to update you on how we are getting on.

We are pleased to say that since leaving Halam for Cornwall at the beginning of August, everything has gone to plan and everything is going really well for us. We have all settled into a new normal. Jack and Amelia have started at their new school. They have integrated really well and are making new friends all the time. Katie and I have started our new jobs and couldn't be happier.

We are still waiting for the final piece of the puzzle to happen, and that is to complete the purchase of our new home. We hope this will not be too much longer.

We have enjoyed a morning swim in the sea every Sunday morning since moving, and this has become quite a tradition for us now, no matter what the weather. Long may it continue.

The only negative to all of this is missing our family, friends, and community back in Halam. We hope to visit soon and have a catch-up with you all.

Wishing you all well until then! Love from Chris, Katie, Jack, and Amelia

(Picture is of us enjoying fish and chips on the beach at sunset celebrating our 1st successful week of school and work.)



Halam School News



We have had a lovely start to the new school year. Everyone has settled in beautifully and we are enjoying learning about lots of exciting new topics. Our new F2 children have all been superstars!

We have some upcoming open events for children who are starting school in September 2026. We are offering Open Evenings on Wednesday 8th October from 3:30pm-5:00pm and on Wednesday 26th November from 2:00pm-4:00pm. If you are unable to make these dates, please contact the school office to arrange a look around school at a date and time that is convenient for you. If you would like to book an appointment, please email the school atoffice@halamprimary.org.uk or telephone 01636 813062. We look forward to meeting you.

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Spooky Stillness
Yoga Workshop

Half-term / HALLOWEEN THEMED KIDS YOGA WORKSHOP
Tuesday 28th October | 1-4pm
Halam Village Hall, NG22 8AE
£22.50 per child

What's included:

- Halloween yoga flow - playful movement & stretching
- Autumn crafts - creative keepsakes to take home
- Fun themed games - movement & laughter guaranteed
- Glitter face paint bar - add a little sparkle!
- Relaxation to finish - calming story & stillness

Ages: Suitable for school-aged children (5-11 years)
Booking: kidsyoga@lumarise.co.uk • 07984 753140
Run by Isabella Starkey-Rodgers
HCPC-registered Physiotherapist | Children's Yoga Teacher | DBS Checked





St Michael the Archangel



A huge thank you to all those who volunteered to help in all the different ways with the Harvest celebration at the end of September. There is always so much to do, decorating the church, singing in the choir, readings lessons in the service and making donations to our food bank box in the porch to mention a few and it is lovely that the village comes together for this traditional celebration.

The Ride and Stride this year was very successful, many thanks to Niamh for visiting so many churches and to all those who so kindly and generously sponsored her, it is estimated that a total of £300 has been raised. Over the years there have been many events and special services in church, the PCC has acquired a photograph album to keep a permanent record of the different activities. This will be left in church for visitors to look through, if you have, or know of, any photographs that could be included please contact the churchwardens.

Advance Notice: The Great Notts Toy Appeal will be supported and donations of new unwrapped toys can be brought to church from the 16th to 30th November.

October services everyone is welcome.

5th October: 16th Sunday After Trinity - 11.00am Morning Worship

12th October: 17th Sunday After Trinity - 11.00am Holy Communion

19th October: 18th Sunday After Trinity - 11.00am Informal Service

26th October: The Last Sunday Of Trinity - 11.00am Sung Eucharist

Contacts: Priest - Rev. Mary Foden Currie 01623 479838 Wardens – Penni Wells 01636 813491 – Briony Dickinson 01636 812569

Food Bank: There is a collection point in the Church porch. Very many thanks to all who contribute during these very difficult times.

Message from Rev. Mary

I have just finished eating a juicy nectarine. Now Autumn is here we can enjoy the wonderful colours and the fruits of the season.

In this month, 4th October, the church remembers St. Francis of Assisi. He was born in Assisi in central Italy in the 12th century. Francis had a rebellious youth but after suffering imprisonment during a war he returned a changed man.

He took to caring for the poor especially those with leprosy, he founded an order of friars, he loved nature and God's creation.

No matter what keeps happening in the world, nature keeps on giving, we see that as we sit in the beautiful gardens at Hills and enjoy coffee and cake.

Thank you for all you do for one another; as I visit in the village I hear about the love and care people have. Outside one home I visited is a beautiful rose called Compassion; how much our world needs that. It means to care deep-down inside oneself, Jesus had compassion for the crowds who came to Him.

Thank you for keeping our food bank going.

Every blessing, Rev. Mary

Dingbats

Last month: "Growing old" / "Open and shut case"

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Halām Village Harvest Supper

at The Waggon, Halām

Friday 3rd October • 7:00 PM

Join us for a cozy evening of hearty food, laughter and community spirit!

Menu:

Sausage & Mash

followed by a delicious dessert of

Apple Pie or Crumble

Calling All Bakers!

We need donations of homemade apple pies and crumbles for the desert to make this event extra special.

If you can, please bake and bring an apple pie or crumble, we'd be incredibly grateful!

Leftover pies and crumbles will be auctioned off in the usual lively style, so bring your bidding spirit!

All proceeds from the auction and games will be donated to charity.

Family-Friendly Fun:

Games for all ages!

Tickets:

Adults – £17.95

Children – £9.95

To book your place, please contact The Waggon directly - 01636 813109

Spaces are limited—don't miss out!



Report for Halam News: Halam Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm on Thursday 11th September 2025 held at Halam Village Hall



Please Note: Official parish council minutes will be available after they have been approved at the next parish council meeting. Scan the QR code to link to the website.

Present: Catherine Blackburn, Chris Denyer, Simon Bust, Andrew Paris and Ganesh Subramanian

Apologies: Chris Bevans

Absent: Charlie Wright

Community Protection Officer: Unfortunately Mr Connor Field, Community Protection Officer did not attend the meeting. He will be invited to a future meeting.

Matters Arising from Previous Meeting

A. first aid training – Financial Officer to liaise with Halam W.I. to be involved with their CRP training sessions. Need to check that this will be open to all parishioners.

B. planning at St Michael's Close – nothing further to report

Open Meeting

1. A parishioner asked if the schedule for the mobile library visits to the village could be publicised – Kate Taylor, Village News editor will be contacted about this.

2. The question of the ease of use of the defibrillators was brought up. It was proposed to circulate a leaflet in the village explaining how the two Halam defibrillators work. Financial Officer will look into the information available on the training website.

Update from County Councillor

County Cllr Bruce Laughton outlined the options being considered to for reorganisation of Nottinghamshire and Nottingham City council structures, to form two separate unitary councils. District councils will cease to exist and be replaced by an overall County Unitary Authority. He explained that the changes could have a significant effect on council tax.

Finance

Agreed to pay:

1. churchyard bench plaque, 2. cost of VE flyers, 3. bill for the allotment clearance

It was minuted that the Clerk's back-pay could be paid to another named account. Resolved to make payment – 4 for: 1 against.

Village Hall

The maintenance schedule was circulated and agreed.

The gutters on the hall may need clearing – Clerk to sort.

The previous cleaner did not have liability insurance, so a new cleaner is being sought.

Allotments

Further to last month's discussion about old tyres being used as planters, the allotment tenancy agreements will be amended to cover tyre removal being a condition on termination of any tenancy. To be implemented next April.

Andrew Paris to check of progress of the title claim.

Roads & Hedges

1. A letter has been received from the school pointing out the number of cars still parked on School Lane during school holidays, indicating that the parking problems aren't solely caused by the school. Clerk to speak to Halam Salon and to see if the builders working on a property on School Lane as this is also causing parking issues.

2. The trees overhanging Halam Hill still require cutting back – County Council Highways have said that this issue "will be addressed and dealt with in due course".

3. Footpath no: 7 – bridge over the Beck to St Helen's Lane is scheduled to be fixed by the end of September.

A Harvest Celebration Afternoon Tea - Sunday 12th October from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the village hall

The format and catering was discussed. A budget of £375 was agreed to spend on sandwiches and sausage rolls etc.

Ganesh Subramanian will buy wine and prosecco to sell at the cash bar. He will also obtain the liquor licence.

Jackie Thornewill has offered to decorate the hall and provide table decorations.

Glasses will be borrowed from Ann and Don Reid.

Chris Denyer to distribute the flyers three weeks before the event.

Correspondence

Aquasac flood defences – agreed no further action.



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Lengthsman Scheme

Two quotes have been received for the removal of soil and weeds under the railings by Halam Beck. Agreed unanimously to accept the lower quote and request the work be done as soon as possible.

Biodiversity: Nothing to report this month

Planning: None this month

Planning Decisions: None this month

Date of next meeting

Thursday 9th October at 7.30 p.m. in the village hall. *Members of the public are reminded that they are welcome to attend any parish council meeting to find out about the work of the council. There is an opportunity to raise issues with the parish council at the meeting during the open part of the meeting.*



District Cllrs Karen Roberts and Peter Harris Report for September 2025

Details are on the Council's website - see The Council - Calendar of Meetings for links to each of the papers and reports. There have been few meetings since our last report in November



The news that two Newark Councillors elected as Newark Independents but who subsequently left their group, one becoming a Green and the other an 'independent' Independent, will mean a further two by-elections. These follow Reform's County Council member for Newark's resignation, two months ago, and Reform's loss there. The District Council is still with no overall control but all the powerful Cabinet posts - and Leader, who have significant decision making authority are still in Labour and Newark Independents' control. August is a month with no meetings apart from Planning Committee. The next Council meeting will be held in October.

Southwell's footfall data from the N&SDC show a continuance of the number of people visiting Southwell, despite the school holidays that undoubtedly has an effect on numbers. Friday 4th July was the highest footfall day of the month (14% above the average figure) with nearly 2500 people in the town. This could be linked to the Gate to Southwell festival that took place in Kirklington.

The Planning Committee is continuing to deal with solar panel and battery farms around the area. This is no doubt linked to the grid that serves the Staythorpe power station, but has a significant effect on the landscape, and removes fairly productive land from food supply. This is of concern - but these projects are now dealt with the Central Government rather than locally as national Infrastructure projects, so little heed is taken of the local voice by this centralised approach.

Crime in the area was up by 3% last month but the good news is that anti-social behaviour is reduced with just 3 incidents in Southwell and the villages. The sager Neighbourhood, chaired by Peter, continues to monitor crime here and gets regular, and sometimes confidential reports from the Police. There have been no reports of theft from shops in the town, but the Police are requesting that concerns be sent to them as they can only respond when data is received.

Unfortunately there is continuing to be an under performance in the assessment of the Council's housing stock including safety inspections and Karen is following these up at the Policy and Performance Committee, despite these being signed off at the Cabinet.

Following Peter's question relating to the allocation of Government funds to support bus service infrastructure in Southwell and the villages, there has not been a full response from the Leader of the Council - who has a key role on the East Midlands Mayor's scrutiny. The Leader's response was that Peter had not asked a question about buses before - forgetting, perhaps, that until a few months ago responsibility for public transport was never a District Council function! At the next meeting Peter will be asking about how the Mayor is challenging the Government's decision to stop electrifying the Midlands Main Line from Nottingham to London after major expenditure on the bridges to allow it has already taken place. Electrification will significantly improve choice for residents here - and its very recent decision to 'suspend' the improvements of the line to Birmingham in the Midlands Hub that is now entirely focussed on west of Birmingham.

Peter Harris and Karen Roberts



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DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT SEPTEMBER 2025

CLLR PENNY RAINBOW

(Ward member for Southwell)



Newark Town Centre Masterplan

The Newark Town Centre Masterplan, a long-term vision to revitalise the town centre, has now reached the final proposals stage.

These plans will be on display at the Buttermarket, Newark for four weeks.

The plans have been shaped by over 1,550 survey responses, a considerable public engagement exercise.

The Masterplan has focused on ; tackling vacant shops, with new homes and mixed-use developments, improving pedestrian links and riverside leisure spaces and enhancing event infrastructure and community facilities.

To identify what residents love most about our area, NSDC are working with various professional teams, including Historic England and architects, to understand what is wanted and needed to help shape Newark's future.

The Masterplan is a long term plan which sets out where and how physical building, spaces and activities in the town centre can and should change, whilst protecting the listed buildings and character.

The options for the Town Centre are being presented to the public so any further thoughts can be considered before the final version of the Masterplan is prepared.

Plans are available for viewing inside the Buttermarket from;

8th September to 3rd October, Monday to Saturday 9am to 4pm.

Local Government Reform

All Nottinghamshire Councils continue to collaborate as they work towards reorganisation of the local government system. Under the chosen option NSDC identified option 1e as its preferred approach and is now working on submitting this proposal. Under this option, two new unitary councils would serve the whole of Nottingham and Nottinghamshire.

One unitary council that includes Nottingham City, Broxtowe and Rushcliffe, plus one unitary council that includes Newark and Sherwood, Ashfield, Bassetlaw, Gedling and Mansfield. The criteria and work streams are:

1. Single tier of government
2. Improve efficiencies and capacity
3. High quality and sustainable public services
4. Meeting local needs and informed by local views, stronger community engagement and opportunity for neighbourhood empowerment
5. Structures that support devolution arrangements

NSDC is now working towards submitting a final business case to the Government which needs to meet the deadline of 28th November 2025. A final decision from Government is not expected until spring/summer 2026, elections are scheduled for May 2027.

A challenge for some NSDC staff is balancing work stream participation with their regular duties as LGR preparation touches almost every service the district council offers.

Simpler Recycling

Simpler Recycling means that items such as foil, food and drink cartons, plastic tubs, pots and trays will all be acceptable in the silver bin mixed with the existing range of materials collected.

Simpler recycling will end the postcode lottery of bin collection as residents will be able to recycle the same materials at home, work or school across the country.

Simpler recycling does not include the requirement to provide a garden waste service, however it is still the intention of NSDC to continue collecting this separately as there is a significant benefit to composting this waste, it also generates over £800,000 revenue for the Council.

This new recycling policy will be rolled out in phases over a period of two and a half years.

CLlr Penny Rainbow, NSDC Southwell Ward Member