



### Flag Flying Dates

**9th April:** His Majesty's  
Wedding Anniversary

**23rd April:** St. George's Day

# HALAM NEWS

## April 2025

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### Bin Collection Dates

Green (Mon): 7th, 21st

Brown (Fri): 11th, 25th

Silver (Mon): 14th, 28th



## Parish Pump



### Sharon Davison: Obituary

Sharon and Graham moved to Halam village in November 2018 and from that time onwards they met and made some good friends and neighbours in the village. Sharon was a member of Halam WI and particularly enjoyed attending the monthly meetings and the special organised events.

Although Sharon endured a long illness she always found time to socialise and enjoy her hobbies of gardening, reading, crafts, cooking and walking her cocker spaniel dog along the many paths and bridleways in and around Halam and further afield. Sharon will be sadly missed by her family, friends and all those who knew her and had the pleasure of meeting her.

### Halam WI

Our April meeting will take place on Tuesday 1st April at 7:30pm when we will welcome Liz Fleuty from Nottinghamshire Wildlife to talk to us about "Growing a Wilder Nottinghamshire" As always, new members are very welcome! If you would like to find out more about Halam WI, follow us on social media (@HalamWI) or drop us a line at [halamvillagewi@gmail.com](mailto:halamvillagewi@gmail.com).

### Southwell Music Festival

Southwell Music Festival takes place in Nottinghamshire from 22 – 25 August 2025. This year's programme includes performances of work from Duke Ellington's Sacred Concerts, Bach's B Minor Mass, and acclaimed folk artist Kathryn Tickell. Come to Southwell for a jam-packed bank holiday weekend of classical, folk, and jazz music at venues across the historic town. Tickets are on sale from Monday 9 June.

### Join Us for the Annual Parish Meeting – Have your say!

We are pleased to invite you to the Annual Parish Meeting (APM) on Thursday, 3rd April, this will be held on a separate date from the usual Parish Council meeting to encourage more community engagement.

While we had hoped to welcome our local police beat officer to present at the meeting, they are unfortunately unable to attend. However, we are delighted to announce that representatives from Halam Church, the Halam Women's Institute, and the Halam Events Team will be present to offer valuable updates. Additionally, the Parish Council Chair will provide an overview of the council's work and ongoing initiatives that have taken place over the past year.

Join us for a relaxed and informative evening. Tea, coffee, and biscuits will be served - so come along, have a chat, and get involved!

We look forward to seeing you there!



### Halam Lancaster Bomber Memorial

To mark the anniversary of the  
Avro Lancaster crash in Halam,  
a memorial service will be held on  
Thursday 10th April, 2025  
at 10.45 a.m.

at the Lancaster Memorial, School Lane  
(Halam church if weather is bad)

**All are very welcome to attend**

**"We will remember them"**





# Halam School News



In March we have been busy with some lovely activities. On 5th March, Maple class had a 'Roman' visitor to link their learning with an experience day. They looked at a few Roman artefacts, played Roman games and made Roman shields throughout the day. Maple class have also begun their annual swimming lessons on Friday afternoons at Calverton Leisure Centre. They are learning and practising different swimming strokes and techniques, becoming stronger swimmers and having fun over the next 10 weeks.

Liz Hopkins came to invite the school community to a community tree planting event at Thorney Abbey, near Oxtun. There have been 3 events, all free to attend, on the 15th, 16th and 22nd March. Some families from school enjoyed this event. We wore warm clothes and sturdy footwear and took some equipment with us, such as spades and forks. We helped plant some saplings, got muddy and enjoyed 'doing our bit' to help the environment.

Friday 21st March was Red Nose Day. Some children chose to wear Red Nose items and we had a giggle when we came to school with a joke that we could share with our classes as well as give a little to the charity. Some of the jokes were terrible but made us laugh!

By Amelia, Mia and Holly.



## St Michael the Archangel



After a very interesting and lively informal service in March when some members of the congregation brought their pets to be blessed (see photograph). We move into April and the events leading up to Easter and the Resurrection, the most important time in the church's calendar. As is traditional on Palm Sunday we meet in the pub car park before processing to church behind Squirrel, who plays the role of the donkey. On Saturday morning there is decorating the church in preparation for the joyful celebrations of Easter Day, everyone is welcome to help make our church beautiful; if you are able to help, please contact the churchwardens who will advise on which windows or areas require a small display.

**April services everyone is welcome.**

**6th April - Passion Sunday:** 11.00am Morning Prayer

**13th April - Palm Sunday:** 10.45am Holy Communion – Meet in pub car park.

**17th April - Maundy Thursday:** 6.00pm Holy Communion and stripping the altar

**18th April - Good Friday:** 10.00am Good Friday Devotions

**20th April - Easter Day:** 11.00am Sung Eucharist

**27th April - First Sunday After Easter:** 11.00am Informal Service



**Contacts:** Priest - Rev. Mary Foden Currie 01623 479838 Wardens - Glenys Herbert 01636 812335 – Penni Wells 01636 813491. **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

April is one of my favourite months; I was married in April. I think of William Wordsworth's poem 'The Daffodils' when I see them. He probably beheld them in the Lake District as this line came to him, "I gazed and gazed, but little thought what wealth to me the show had brought." April helps us to enjoy the moment as nature gives and gives. The church's year gets deeper into Lent with Passiontide as Jesus nears the cross. Then to Palm Sunday when he rode into Jerusalem on a donkey, the symbol of peace. The prayer invites us 'to know you and love you, that we may be found beside you on the way of the cross which is the path to glory.'

Maundy Thursday reminds us of Jesus' last supper with his friends – followed by Good Friday – the crucifixion. Then on Easter Eve we light the Paschal candle and proclaim, 'the light of Christ. April 20th is Easter Sunday – Resurrection Day 'the way to life stands open' proclaims the prayer. So do join us if you can. I am sure the Easter Bunny will deliver Easter Eggs for the children!

Thank you for your ministry to one another and to our food bank. Every blessing, Rev. Mary



# Report for Halam News: Halam Parish Council Meeting 7.30 pm on Thursday 13th March 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**

Chris Denyer (in the Chair), Chris Bevans, Simon Bust and Andrew Paris

## **Apologies**

Catherine Blackburn, Ganesh Subramanian and Charlie Wright

## **Matters Arising from Previous Meeting**

- a. .gov.uk emails for the parish council and councillors – now set up, but there seems to be an issue with opening attachments. The provider is investigating.
- b. Banking – new bank account with Unity is now set up. Financial Officer is setting up the new mandate with the bank.

## **Open Meeting**

1. A parishioner had raised the issue of a broken kerb by the Beck railings on The Turnpike. This is a dangerous trip hazard. Clerk to raise this with County Council. Anyone finding issues with pavements or kerbs should report this to the County Council - [www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/transport/roads/report-a-road-or-pavement-problem](http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/transport/roads/report-a-road-or-pavement-problem)
2. The kerb gulleys along Radley Road are still blocked – Clerk to report to County Council.
3. A complaint had been received that many hedges in the village are overhanging the pavements making it very hard to walk on the pavements with a pushchair or pram. Householders are reminded that it is their responsibility to make sure that their hedges do not restrict the footpaths and pavements.

## **Update from District Councillor**

District Cllr Penny Rainbow reported that the district's council tax will rise 1.94% this year. Cllr Rainbow also outlined the plans to create a Nottinghamshire Unitary Body, under which district councils, including Newark & Sherwood, will be scrapped. The final details are still being worked on.

## **Village Hall**

1. Hallway curtains have been removed, but the pipe cover and painting are still to be done.
2. Outside wall – quotes received were discussed, and the contract was awarded.
3. Gate at side of hall – wooden gate is to be fitted imminently, and will be paid for on installation.
4. Overhead heater – has been repaired.
5. Projector – agreed to allocate up to £200 for a replacement. Chris Denyer to liaise with Charlie Wright to recommend one, possibly wall mounted or a trolley version.

## **Allotments**

Clerk to send further information to Mr Croston to progress title filing.

## **Roads & Hedges**

The pavement up Halam Hill has now been cleared.

## **Annual Parish Meeting**

Thursday 3rd April 2025 in the village hall at 7.30 p.m.

This will be the Annual Parish Meeting where the work of the parish council over the past year is reviewed, and the public will have the opportunity to discuss village issues and concerns.

## **Churchyard Bench**

This was installed to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of VE Day, but the bench needs repairing or replacing. Parish councillors to investigate, and the Clerk to obtain information regarding a replacement.

## **Flood Local Action Group (FLAG)**

Waiting for further information regarding the reimbursement of costs.

## **Neighbourhood Watch**

There is now little police support for these schemes. The village WhatsApp group and Facebook page can be used to give out any relevant information.

## **HR Committee**

Nothing further to report at this stage.

## **VE Celebrations**

8th May – A beacon will be lit (James Bust) and a social event will be held in the village hall. A village certificate has been received to acknowledge Halam's participation on the day.



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## Correspondence

1. Information about the 80th anniversary of VE Day has been received. An event similar to that for the D Day commemoration was proposed for Thursday 8th May. A VE Day anniversary flag has been bought. Agreed to move the parish council to Wednesday 7th May
2. Armed Forces Week – 22nd-28th June – it was suggested that a celebratory flag should be purchased.
3. NALC training: Employment Essentials – Charlie Wright to attend

## Lengthsman Scheme

Confirmation that Halam is included in the scheme has been received. Further information is now needed as to what the scheme entails – contractor vs. employee, etc.

## Planning

1. The Manor House Radley Road - Application for variation of condition to remove windows from SW elevation and rooflights from rear elevation of extension no longer required attached to planning permission 24/00268/HOUSE; Single Storey Side Extension

Planning Permission and Listed Building Consent – agreed to support unanimously

2. New Holbeck Farm Radley Road - Application for variation of conditions 02 (Turbine Details) and 11 (Turbine Life Period) to substitute previously approved turbine model and extend the life period of the wind turbine attached to planning permission 10/01310/FUL; Installation of a wind turbine, control house building and ancillary works

Agreed to support unanimously

## Finance

Agreed to pay for:

1. NALC meeting cost (Charlie Wright – Employment/HR training)
2. Overhead heater repair
3. WaterPlus – allotments water bill
4. Laptop for Clerk
5. Clerk's salary

## Objectives for financial year 2025-2026

Agreed to hold over to next meeting.

## Date of next meeting

**Thursday 10th April 2025 in the village hall at 7.30 p.m.**

*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.*

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# **DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT MARCH 2025**

## **CLLR PENNY RAINBOW**

### **(Ward member for Southwell)**



#### **FULL COUNCIL MEETING 6th MARCH 2025**

The last full Council meeting at NSDC was given over to discuss and set the Council Budget for 2025/2026, The Council is required by the Local Government Finance Act of 1992 to set a Council Tax for the coming financial year.

The Council Tax Base along with the Council Tax Base for all Parish Councils had been calculated and contained within the agenda. These figures are then added to those received from Notts County Council, the Nottinghamshire Combined Fire Authority and the Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Commissioner.

The current administration at NSDC, made up of the Labour Group and the Independents for Newark Group, were proposing to increase council tax by the maximum allowable of 2.99%. The leader of the Conservative Group, Cllr Jack Kallas, proposed an amendment to the budget ; The amendment - 'Council reduces the proposed increase in council tax from the maximum increase allowable of 2.99%, to a lower and more conservative increase of 1.94%.'

The amendment was successful. The first time in 14 years that an amendment to the budget has been approved.

#### **NEWARK and SHERWOOD GIFT CARD**

A new initiative has been introduced by the NSDC Economic Growth Team. NSDC has previously committed, as part of its response to the cost of living crisis, a Gift Card solution to support traders in Newark, Balderton, Edwinstowe, Ollerton and Southwell. With high street footfall in decline the gift card programme is being trialed to hopefully provide opportunities to divert online spend back into the local economy.

We are told the programme is up and running in Lincoln, and is reasonably successful. The launch of the NSDC Town and City gift card, a prepaid Mastercard, went live on Monday 10th March.

Both national brands and independent businesses with card machines or digital readers can easily sign up to accept the gift card. The scheme is also available for hospitality, accommodation and health and beauty providers. The card encourages consumers to shop local. Gift cards can be ordered online via NSDC website. Cards are spent in store, encouraging a visit to the town centre. The card can be tapped or swiped or stored on a phone.

#### **MAJOR NEW PLANTING SCHEME**

A report went to Cabinet to agree an investment of £300,000 to create a new capital scheme in relation to the contribution to Nottinghamshire County Council for two major, tree planting schemes in the district. NSDC have already planted or given away 6324 trees.

Nottingham County Council, through its trees for climate project, have purchased 2 large parcels of land within the Newark and Sherwood District. The first site is in Little Carlton, around 18ha and is former arable land. The second site is Thorney Abbey Farm, near Southwell. This site is 48ha, it lends itself to a range of habitat restoration and is capable of accommodating 87,000 trees.

Cllr Penny Rainbow Southwell Ward Member





# District Cllrs Karen Roberts and Peter Harris

## Report for March 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



### Council Tax

Decided on an increase of 1.94%, well below the rate of inflation. At a time when many Councils are making cuts in services, NSCD is in a privileged position of continuing to invest, but only because we're continuing to identify efficiencies and generate additional income. Investment plans include:

£15m towards regeneration of Yorke Drive, £300,000 towards Lowdham flood alleviation scheme, £8.5m towards creation of a new industrial park in Clipstone, £669,000 to improve Brunel Drive depot, facilitating future new recycling schemes, £2m towards new sports pitches, £100,000 to strengthen staff training and development

### Update on Local Government Re-organisation

At a meeting of all Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Leaders and Chief Executives, it was agreed to submit to Government three options, all of which involve replacing our current 9 Councils with 2 unitary Councils. Before being submitted, these options will be considered at an Extraordinary Meeting of our Full Council on 19 March. The three options are: Nottingham City, Broxtowe and Gedling; Ashfield, Bassetlaw, Mansfield, Newark and Sherwood and Rushcliffe; Nottingham City, Broxtowe and Rushcliffe; Ashfield, Bassetlaw, Gedling, Mansfield and Newark and Sherwood; Nottingham City; Nottinghamshire County (single County unitary)

### PPI

NSDC received notification that it will receive £1.427m in Extended Producer Responsibility payment from DEFRA for 2025/26, in relation to estimated net efficient costs associated with collection of household packaging waste from kerbside and communal collections. It is expected this funding will be used for the food waste collection service that is due to be rolled out across Nottinghamshire from October 2027. The Council also received (during 2024/25) £983,377 from DEFRA in respect of the capital funding to purchase the refuse freighters and other equipment necessary to roll out the food waste service. Latest assumptions are that the capital cost would equate to £1.570m being £0.586m short from the capital grant.

### Industrial Units at Crew Lane, Southwell

Corporate Property project: This project has been reviewed by officers and it is currently not viable from a financial perspective, & hence would not generate a return to the Council. Therefore, this project has been ceased for the time being.

### Tree on Halloughton Road

A tree was removed from NCC land (not by NCC). The provision of a Tree Preservation Order (TPO), while it is indeed possible, NSCD generally consider NCC to be good custodians of the land and trees. Any works to remove trees would typically be undertaken only when absolutely necessary. Investigations by NCC are ongoing.

### Simpler Recycling: responding to new food waste legislation for businesses

In 2018, the former government laid its plans to revolutionise the way local authorities collected and managed recyclable waste through the National Resources and Waste Strategy. This is now being progressed under the title of 'Simpler Recycling'. One of the key parts of this strategy is the move to create consistent waste and recycling collections across the UK and to mandate local authorities to collect food waste on a weekly schedule. For Newark and Sherwood, this will mean items such as foil, food and beverage cartons and plastic tubs, pots and trays will be acceptable in the silver bin alongside the existing range of materials. Food waste collections will be taking place from October 2027 and plans are underway to determine round sizes, vehicle numbers, disposal points, bin colours, staff requirements and depot requirements. Discussions with NCC and Veolia are still taking place to determine the viability of varying the environmental permit to allow food waste to be taken to Veolia's transfer station on Brunel Drive. If this can be arranged, it will not be in place until October 2027 and is not an option for commercial food waste disposal.

April 2025: Trade waste customers with 10 or more employees will be obliged to separate food waste and recyclable materials – and arrange for this to be collected separately. Schools and educational establishments are also required to separate and arrange collections for an extended range of recyclable materials.

April 2026: All households will be able to recycle an extended range of materials in their silver bin. As this service is legally mandated NSDC have made provision in the Capital Programme Budget 2025/6 to 2028/9 for the purchase of a food waste vehicle and funding for one additional driver.

### Community Grant Scheme

The current criteria for the Community Grant Scheme was agreed by Cabinet in October 2023, it has now been amended to allow smaller parish and town councils to apply for funding. It is proposed to re-open the community Grant Scheme to those smaller parishes and parish meetings with less than 100 homes within the parish in recognition of their limited ability to raise a precept annually due to the low number of properties within the parish. This means 22 additional parishes will now be eligible, to include in our area: Halloughton, Winkburn, Hockerton

In addition to changes with the grant criteria, this report requests approval to carry over unclaimed grant from previous years into the grant scheme for 2025-26. These grants have gone unclaimed as the projects for which they were allocated have not gone ahead and include:

Community grant scheme 2022/2023: Southwell Football Club awarded £2,500

Community grant scheme 2023/2024: Reach awarded £10,000

Total value: £29,000 of unclaimed grants to all small parishes.

A further £102,250 was allocated to the Community Grant Scheme for 2024/25 with carry forwards from the previous year bringing the total budget to £227,128. Carry forwards in each year are generally in response to grant being allocated in year to a group but not yet claimed.

In the 2025/26 budget there is £104,300 and a management carry forward will be requested for any unspent funds at the end of the 2024/25 financial year. As before, the majority of these funds will be committed to projects, with the £29,000 identified as uncommitted.