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9th: Remembrance Sunday
 11th: Remembrance Day
 14th: Birthday of HM the King
 30th: St. Andrew's Day

HALAM NEWS

November 2025

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Bin Collection Dates

Green (Mon): 3rd, 17th,
 Brown (Fri): 7th, 21st
 Silver (Mon): 10th, 24th
 Teal (Tues): none this month



Parish Pump



Halam Events Team Update

Following the success of last year's gathering, Halam Events hosted another Village Harvest Supper in partnership with The Waggon at Halam on Friday, 3rd October. The evening was a resounding success, with the pub fully booked and buzzing with community spirit.

Guests enjoyed a hearty, home-cooked meal of sausage and mash, followed by a delicious apple pie or crumble for dessert—lovingly made and donated by attendees, in keeping with village tradition.

Entertainment included a lively table quiz for both adults and children—special thanks to Ed at the Waggon for providing the prizes—and a spirited round of 'Sticky 13' (also known as card bingo). Half the proceeds from the game went to the winner, with the other half donated to our chosen charity, **Young Minds UK**, which offers vital support to young people facing mental health challenges. The evening wrapped up with our much-loved auction of leftover apple pies, always a highlight and full of laughs!

We're thrilled to announce that we raised **£250** for Young Minds UK. A heartfelt thank you to the team at The Waggon and to everyone who attended and supported the event. Your generosity and enthusiasm made it a fantastic evening.

Charity Wine Tasting - Saturday 29th November

Ganesh will be hosting a wine tasting to try some wines for Christmas (as usual), whilst raising money for a local charity (charity to be confirmed). The event will be held at Halam Village Hall on the Saturday 29th November at 7:30pm - £20/ticket. If interested, please contact Ganesh on ganeshandsara@gmail.com

Halam WI

For our November meeting, we will be getting in the festive spirit with a pottery masterclass with a Christmas theme. Local pottery tutor David Charlton will be guiding us through the process of creating our masterpieces before taking them away for firing in his kiln. This meeting is fully subscribed as, due to space, our numbers are limited, but new members are always very welcome at future meetings. If you would like to find out more please follow us on social media @HalamWI or contact halamvillagewi@gmail.com.

Bags 2 School: Tuesday 25th November

The next Halam School "Bags to School" collection will take place on Tuesday 25th November. Please 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 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.

Music at Halam Court

We are delighted to have secured the services of Julian Hellaby, who will give a piano recital at Halam Court at 3pm on Sunday, 9 November. Julian is a fantastic pianist – a virtuoso and a real musician into the bargain. He hails from the West Midlands, and his programme on the 9th will include music by Bach, Ravel, Liszt and Chaminade. Members of the Halam community are, as always, especially welcome, and we look forward once again to seeing some of you there. If you haven't been before, Halam Court is the fourth building up from the Waggon, on the right hand side. Entrance is at the rear of the property, and there is free admission and refreshments.



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Halam School News



Maple class walked up to Norwood Park on the 23rd September where they observed the beautiful surroundings and drew sketches. Back in school, everyone painted the house in the style of John Constable. We are lucky to have some very talented artists!

We enjoyed a wonderful Harvest Festival service on 26th September. Oak class delivered the service, with some additional poems and artwork from Maple and Cherry children. A huge thank you to everyone for the generous food donations that were left in church for the local Framework charity.

We also held an Open Evening in School for prospective parents and carers, and our children did a marvellous job showing them around school! The half term finished with a visit to the National Space Centre in Leicester on October 13th for Oak class. We had a wonderful day exploring a range of exhibits, looking at actual rockets and astronauts' suits and equipment during our visit. The highlight was probably the planetarium visit where we actually felt like we were in space.



St Michael the Archangel



Autumn is now well and truly with us and that means we begin by remembering the sacrifice made during the World Wars, please note that our service begins a little earlier to allow us to observe the two minutes silence at 11.00.

After remembering those who have gone before we look forward to Christmas and once again we are supporting the Great Notts Toy Appeal, if you are able please bring a new toy or something suitable for a teenager (NO war toys) to church, either to a service or to leave on the table by the side altar in order that those less fortunate can have something to open on Christmas morning.

Finally, a reminder that we are looking for any photographs of events in church that can be included in our album. Any pictures can be scanned and emailed to brionyd53@gmail.com so that they can be printed out; please also include the date and event if known. Thank you for all your support.

November services everyone is welcome.

2nd November: Fourth Sunday Before Advent - 11.00am Morning Prayer

9th November: Third Sunday Before Advent - 10.45am Remembrance Service.

16th November: Second Sunday Before Advent - 11.00a.m. Parish Communion – *Receiving gifts for Toy Appeal*

23rd November: Christ the King - 11.00am Sung Eucharist – *Receiving gifts for Toy Appeal*

30th November: St. Andrew's Day - 11.00a.m. Songs of Praise – *Receiving of gifts for Toy Appeal – Joint with Edingley.* Please put your name and favourite hymn on the sheet at the back of church.

Great Notts Toy Appeal

We will again be supporting this appeal which aims to ensure that children in Nottinghamshire who would not otherwise get presents do. Toys must be new (no toys of war) and unwrapped. We are asked to remember toys for older children. Toys can be brought to Church on any Sunday morning in November or at other times can be left on the table by the side altar.

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

'Remember, remember the fifth of November, gunpowder, treason and plot!'

So goes a rhyme for November 5th, Bonfire night. I expect the air will be filled with bonfire smoke and fireworks will pierce the sky with whooshes and bangs.

Yes, November is the time when we do remember. The month begins with 'All Saints' Day and ends with St. Andrew's Day, a disciple of Jesus who brought people to Jesus, including his brother Peter. He is also the special saint of Scotland. *(continued on next page...)*



November 11th is Remembrance Day, the Sunday nearest falls on the 9th and so our church and community will be holding our special services on that day. We must never forget the cost of our freedom. So many gave their lives so that we could be free to enjoy 'today'.

On November 11th the church also remembers St. Martin of Tours, a Roman soldier who gave a poor beggar half of his warm cloak. That night he had a dream and saw Jesus wearing half of the cloak and the words 'in as much as you have done it for the least of my brothers and sisters. It is as though you have done it for me.'

Thank you for all you donate to our food bank. The harvest produce from our school and community went towards it and to Framework.

'At the going down of the sun
And in the morning
We will REMEMBER THEM'

Every blessing, Rev. Mary



Minutes of the Halam Parish Council Meeting - 7.30pm on Thursday 11th October 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: Vice Chair Mrs Denyer, Mr Bust, Clerk Mr Rickett, RFO Mrs Rickett

As the Chair was not present Mrs Denyer declared the meeting open.

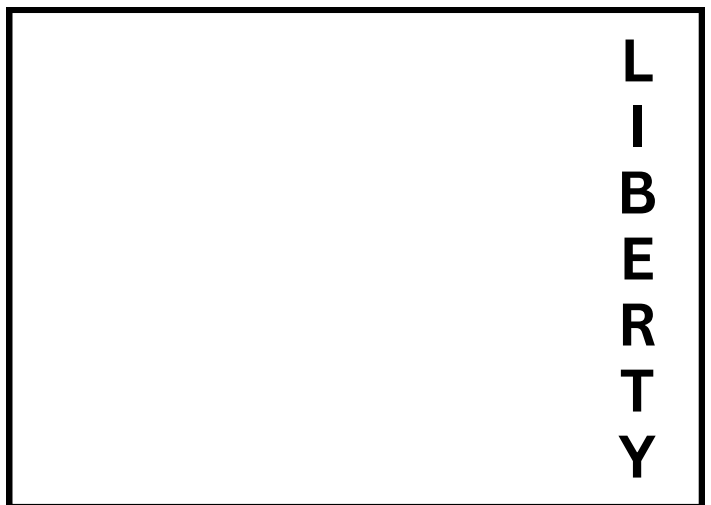
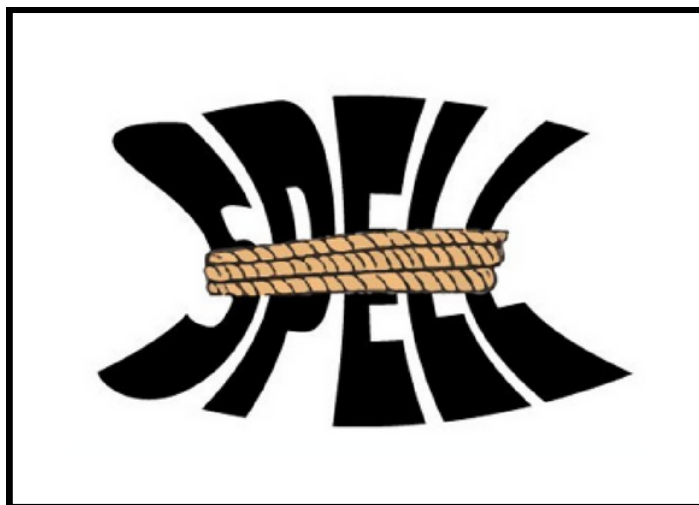
As the meeting was not quorate, no business was transacted.

The meeting closed at 7.31pm

Date of next meeting: Thursday 13th November at 7:30pm in the Village Hall - will cover all agenda items from October meeting plus new items for November.

Dingbats

Last month: "Drinks are on the house" / "Absent without leave"





District Cllrs Karen Roberts and Peter Harris Report for October 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



Policy & Performance Improvement Committee – 6 October

In November 2020, the Government published the charter for social housing residents which set out ways to improve things for people living in social housing. The Regulator for Social Housing (RSH) brought in a range of tenant perception satisfaction measures so tenants could see how landlords are performing and identify which landlords might need to improve. NSDC carried out its second annual survey - out of 12 questions posed, satisfaction in 4 declined, while 7 got better and overall satisfaction was the same at 77.2%. More work has been done to the housing stock (more money spent), but expectations are now higher – but more work is planned and extra resources committed.

NSDC has delivered 1090 affordable dwelling since 2013. A new district wide survey will be commissioned in the Autumn of 2025 with an estimated completion date of December 2025/January 2026. New-build Council owned homes totalling 352 properties. Phase five (the final phase) of the 5 Year HRA Programme was completed in the summer of 2024. The Cabinet meeting in September 2023, approved additional development and is extending its programme to include a further fifty units utilizing S106 Contributions, Right to Buy Receipts and any external funding. The Council owns 5567 dwellings (2025), with eight sold through the Right to Buy in 2023/24. There are currently 2949 applicants on the Council's housing register (2025), a decrease of 1465 on the previous year (moved to a new system and closure for applications which probably reflects on the numbers – now open for new applications). April 2024 and March 2025, 129 additional affordable homes have been built across the district (located in Balderton, Bilsthorpe, Rainworth, Walesby, Ollerton, Edwinstowe, Southwell and Hawtonville. (Assessments of 243 new affordable home needed).

Nottingham & Nottinghamshire Draft Local Nature Recovery Strategy Consultation.

Main concerns are:

- Overlap with sites allocated for development in the relevant local plan and overlap with existing built development (mainly in association with watercourses);
- Grassland (insufficient grassland areas);
- Wet Woodland Layer (potential measures inappropriate);
- Relationship with Biodiversity Net Gain (correlation of habitat terminology); and
- Section 2.3 of the draft Statement of Biodiversity Priorities (misleading paragraph).

Cabinet approval with no objections.

The recommendation is for the strategy to be endorsed by NSDC.

UK Shared Prosperity Fund and Rural England Prosperity Fund (2022 to 2026). NSDC received £5,794,997 in grant funding: 314 businesses supported, 91 jobs safeguarded, 24 jobs created, 28 businesses decarbonisation plans developed, 63 businesses with improved sustainability, 85 businesses with improved productivity, 6 new businesses created, 266 residents gained life skills, 42 economically inactive residents newly in job searching, 162 residents completing training courses or obtaining qualifications, 653 residents volunteering, 3k+ trees planted, 120 community events delivered, 15 community facilities created or improved. Site improvements - Capital grant to Southwell Brincliffe Hockey Club (REPF 25-26). 3 years plus 1 - Final year ends in end of March 2026.

Portfolio Holder for Climate and the Environment Simon Forde attended and updated committee members. He will suggest Southwell be considered as one of 5 annual 'green gateway' towns and reports an increase in budget of £10k for education next year.

Various

Anti-Social Behaviour's Night of action cancelled on Friday 3 October due to high wind, another will be scheduled soon.

Plastic bags are our biggest contaminant in dry mixed recycling bins throughout our district. They are not currently recycled with kerbside collections as they require a different recycling process. If you use plastic bags to collect mixed recycling in at home or at work, please be sure to empty the contents into the recycling bins. Items should always be empty, clean, dry, and loose! If you are ever in doubt, leave it out! Where possible, Reuse bags for shopping or to Reline your kitchen recycling bin. Recycle them at flexible plastic collection points in many supermarkets.



Visitor Numbers

Community garden party

Date	Footfall	Busiest time
Sunday 1st June	1,534	11am - 12pm
Sunday 8th June	1,503	2pm - 3pm
Sunday 15th June	1,504	1pm - 2pm
Average Sunday in 2025	1,422	12pm - 1pm

Gate to Southwell

Date	Footfall	Average in 2025
Thursday 3rd July	2,376 (6.5% higher than average)	Thursday = 2,231
Friday 4th July	2,413 visitors (5.2% higher than average)	Friday = 2,293
Saturday 5th July	1,984 visitors (3.6% higher than average)	Saturday = 1,916
Sunday 6th July	1,400 visitors (1.8% lower than average)	Sunday = 1,426

Total - 5,797 visitors (2.9% higher than average) Average Fri – Sun period: 5,635

Local Government Re-organisation

Newark Sherwood, Ashfield, Bassetlaw, Gedling and Mansfield and the other Broxtowe, Nottingham City and Rushcliffe a natural split between the north and the south of the county - preparing final proposal to Government which must be submitted by 28 November.

Licencing

The Fishing Lodge, Maythorne, Southwell Nottinghamshire NG25 0RS. The Licensing Sub-Committee granted the licence as amended by the applicant (removing live and recorded music) and with the conditions agreed with the Police.



DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT OCTOBER 2025

CLLR PENNY RAINBOW

(Ward member for Southwell)



GREEN GATEWAYS

NSDC has recently undertaken a pilot scheme in launching a new green initiative before proceeding with a full scale rollout of green gateways. This green initiative is designed to fit in with the Council's community plan and looks to enhance biodiversity in urban areas and create a more welcoming environment for residents and visitors across the district. It is hoped the scheme will have a positive impact on people's health and wellbeing.

Before proceeding with a full scale roll out of green gateways the pilot scheme was tested in the parishes of Bilsthorpe, Blidworth and Boughton, these areas were chosen as they have a range of housing type, both new and old.

A significant portion of gateway land is owned by Notts County Council and maintained by Via East Midlands. In some cases the gateway sites are owned by Parish Councils.

Land owned by NCC means that permission has to be sought before planting can go ahead, likewise permission from Parishes also needs to be obtained.

It is important that an agreement is reached on a maintenance plan going forward.

Professional visualisation sketches will be produced to facilitate a good end result.

The sketches will also assist Town/Parish Councils to have input with a clearer understanding of the desired outcome.

Via requires that planting areas must be within a 30mph speed limit for safety reasons. Planting of a mix of wildflowers and bulbs to provide all round colour, are preferred to tree planting on grass verges.

An initial maintenance programme would be supplied and agreed to ensure the new planting thrives.

NSDC are currently seeking a further five Town or Parish,s for inclusion in the first tranche of works.

Site installations will be free of charge, labour costs will be absorbed by NSDC, however, Town/Parish,s will be asked to cover the cost of wildflower bulbs and contribute towards a share of equipment hire.

Continuing with the green theme, from late November through to the end of March 2026. Volunteers will have the opportunity to take part in planting trees across the Newark and Sherwood area. This initiative is part of the Trees for Climate scheme in Nottinghamshire, delivered in partnership with Greenwood Community Forest. All volunteers will be matched with a suitable project. Tools and training are provided.

CLlr PENNY RAINBOW
Southwell ward member