

# WARSOP PARISH NEWS

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## Warsop Parish Council Leads the Way with Major Mayoral Funding Victory

**Warsop is celebrating a major boost after the Parish Council successfully secured £252,868 from the East Midlands Mayor's Community Development Fund.**

*"By helping to create safe spaces for young people in Warsop, this money will make a real difference to people's lives. I'm incredibly proud to see this funding going directly into the heart of communities that deserve it most. Local people know their neighbourhoods best and these projects show exactly what can be achieved when we back their ideas. By supporting community-led projects like these, we're building stronger, healthier neighbourhoods, boosting pride in place, and ensuring everyone across our region has the chance to share in its future"*

**Mayor Claire**

*Pictured above.*

Market Warsop was selected as one of just 10 priority areas across Derby, Derbyshire, Nottingham and Nottinghamshire to receive a share of the £3 million fund aimed at tackling deprivation and improving lives. The project, known as "Future Warsop" (A Mayoral Investment in Our Community), represents a significant milestone for the Parish, bringing vital improvements and new opportunities for local residents.

We were honoured to welcome Mayor Claire to our launch on 20th March at The Shed, where we were joined by Meden School staff and students to showcase the venues Youth Club activities. Mayor Claire said, "When I set up the Community Development Fund I wanted to do something different. And I know in a community like this, you can often get overlooked. I wanted to do something to be really transformational. So we picked 10 areas across the whole region and Warsop was one of those. You know best how to use that money and what change that will make. It's going to deliver play equipment, roof improvements, and other things which will really help younger people. I want you to get the best opportunities, enjoy yourselves, learn new skills, but also, give back into this community in the future".

The funding will provide a much-needed new roof for The Shed (Target 1 CIC), safeguarding essential youth services. Plans are also in place to extend youth club sessions, which have already shown positive results in reducing anti-social behaviour. In addition, a new play park will be created in the Swallows Green area. A project the Swallows Green Community Group has worked towards for several years.

Warsop Parish Council continues to seek further investment for the Parish. Three additional funding applications have been submitted to the MDC Pride in Place Fund, including two for Meden Vale, with updates expected soon.

**Cllr Nadine McGuiness**  
Chair of Warsop Parish Council



Funding will support repairs at The Shed



Cllrs Nicola Hughes, Kathy Grubb & Nadine McGuiness



Students from Meden Vale School with Mayor Claire.

*'When we got the phone call about the bid, we really couldn't believe it! It's been a long time coming. Over the years, the leaking roof at The Shed has caused real problems and has even led to sessions being cancelled. Now we can finally move this amazing community building forward and provide even more projects and activities - it really is fantastic news.'*

*We can't thank the Mayor and the Parish Council enough for their hard work and support, but a special thank you must go to the Chair, Nadine, who was the driving force behind the bid.*

*The additional youth club night will also be a great addition to the timetable, especially as our Monday sessions regularly welcome more than 80 young people.*

*Our vision for The Shed is to make it a true multi-use venue for all ages, right in the heart of Warsop. We're now looking forward to organising many more community events in the future.'*

*For more information on the groups and activities available at The Shed, check out page 17.*

**Grant Simpson – Target 1 CIC**

*'Swallows Green began as a promise during the district elections, when it became clear that the area needed a dedicated community green space.'*

*Phase One brought residents together to form a group and create a shared vision. With strong community support, a 300-metre inclusive pathway was installed, along with benches, picnic tables, and waste bins – transforming the space into something welcoming and accessible for all.*

*Funding for Phase Two was initially difficult to secure, but the success of the Mayor's Fund bid will see a new park created at Swallows Green, providing a valuable leisure space for children and families in our growing village, alongside Carr Lane and The Carrs.'*

**Cllr Debra Barlow – Warsop Parish Council (far left)**



## Editorial – Spring 2026



Welcome to the Spring edition of the Warsop Parish News!



In this issue, we cover the topics that matter most to our community. We celebrate the success of the Mayor's Fund bid and the positive impact it will bring to Warsop.

We also update you on ongoing efforts to tackle potholes and improve roads and pavements, and, for the first time, we take a step back in time with our Yesteryear feature, exploring Warsop's rich history.

Looking back, our December Winterfest was a fantastic success, with over 600 of you enjoying live entertainment, Santa's Grotto, and a host of festive activities. And looking ahead, we have an exciting calendar of events planned for 2026 that we can't wait to share with you.

Spring is also a time for fresh beginnings, and soon Warsop will be in full bloom with the hanging baskets set to be installed in March, brightening up the streets for everyone to enjoy.

Here's to a thriving and flourishing year ahead for our parish!

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## NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

# Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Commissioner

**Nottinghamshire has a Police and Crime Commissioner who sets priorities for local policing and makes sure the police serve the community.**

The current commissioner is Gary Godden, elected in May 2024. He spent 15 years as a police officer in Nottinghamshire and has also worked in the NHS. Gary represents the Labour and Co-Op Party.

The commissioner does not manage day to day policing but works with the Chief Constable to make sure the force is effective. He sets the police budget and develops a five year Police and Crime Plan in consultation with local communities.

Gary Godden's current plan, A Safer Nottinghamshire for All, covers 2025 to 2029. It focuses on keeping neighbourhoods safe, tackling serious violence and knife crime, supporting victims, and helping young people at risk. Early intervention and working with local organisations are key parts of the plan.

The office also funds community projects, such as youth programmes and support for victims of domestic or sexual abuse. The role of commissioner continues through the current electoral cycle, and for now the office remains an important part of guiding Nottinghamshire Police and supporting local communities.

Residents can contact the office with questions or concerns by visiting the Nottinghamshire PCC website at:

**[www.nottinghamshire.pcc.police.uk](http://www.nottinghamshire.pcc.police.uk)**

or by emailing:

**[pcc@nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:pcc@nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk)**

The office also welcomes feedback on policing priorities and local safety issues.



## New Members to the Team

**PC Rachel Andrews and PC Ryan Ward joined the Warsop Safer Neighbourhoods team in November 2025.**

They are both experienced officers and are committed to making the Warsop District a safer place to live.

The team will be holding regular beat surgeries in your neighbourhood which will be advertised on social media. Please come along and meet the new members of the team and talk to us about any local issues you have, or indeed just a chat.

Warsop has also been selected for an online beat surgery trial which will allow you to speak to the team at a selected date

and time without having to leave your home. This again will be advertised on social media and on the Notts Alerts Page.

### Speak To Your Local Officer Digitally

#### Area: Warsop

**Join online or by phone - Not for emergencies**

**Have a local concern, idea or want to know what is happening in your area?**

**Join our digital beat surgery to talk to your neighbourhood team.**

This is in addition to the in-person surgeries that are already offered.

The team have seen a rise in the number of calls relating to anti-social behaviour recently, mostly around the Carr Lane/Health Hub area and on the High Street.

We urge anyone who is experiencing this to report it at the time it is happening on the 101 number. Alternatively, if anyone has any information regarding anti-social behaviour, please contact a member of the team or log a report via the online reporting system.

We work hard to identify and deal with anyone who is acting in an anti-social manner.

**Your local Neighbourhood Policing Team**  
**Meden Vale, Church Warsop, Warsop & Birklands**





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**NOTTINGHAMSHIRE POLICE**  
PROUD TO SERVE

**The next issue of the Warsop Parish News will be available in the Summer.  
If you have an article to submit, please send it to [events.coordinator@warsop-pc.gov.uk](mailto:events.coordinator@warsop-pc.gov.uk)**

# COMMUNITY MATTERS



## Sherwood Forest Day 2026

**On Friday 20th February we welcomed the Sheriff of Nottingham to Warsop to celebrate Sherwood Forest Day.**

The Sheriff unveiled two Sherwood Forest plaques, generously sponsored by local supporters, which are now proudly displayed at two locations in the village.

Many communities across the historic Sherwood area are unaware that they were once part of the great Sherwood Forest. These plaques recognise and celebrate Warsop's rich history and culture, and the national and international significance of Sherwood Forest and its people.

A plaque funded through donations to the Warsop Footpaths Group was unveiled at Vibrant Warsop, and a second plaque, sponsored by Thrive Together Community CIC, was unveiled outside LifeSpring Church (Warsop Town Hall). Council or raise concerns with us for escalation.



## Housing Developments

**Warsop Parish Council are aware of multiple housing development applications within the parish.**

Details of these can be found on the Mansfield District Council planning portal [www.mansfield.gov.uk/planning](http://www.mansfield.gov.uk/planning). We will continue to monitor these application and comment where necessary.

## Vale Avenue Traffic Lights

**We're aware of concerns following the installation of traffic lights on Vale Avenue, including increased traffic along the adjoining slip road beside Mansfield Road.**

The parish council is actively advocating for the closure of this slip road to improve safety for residents.

## Burns Lane Proposal: Parish Council Update

**Warsop Parish Council continues to engage with Nottinghamshire County Council regarding the potential closure of Burns Lane, first highlighted in the Winter 2025 edition of Warsop News.**

Before Christmas, the Council raised questions about the operation of traffic cameras near Hetts Lane School. A formal response from Via East Midlands has now clarified the operational details.

In summary, Via EM's Safer Highways team carried out a standard traffic survey at a total cost of £2,158. The survey, conducted from 9–11 December, collected vehicle, pedestrian, and cyclist data before schools broke up for the holidays. Although three days of footage were recorded, only one representative day (11 December) will be processed, validated against a permanent traffic counter.

The data will be used to model the impact of potentially closing Burns Lane to vehicles. The findings will be reported to Nottinghamshire County Council's Cabinet Member, with traffic modelling expected to be completed by the end of January, after which an official update will be issued.

Warsop Parish Council has objected to the proposal at both Stage 1 and Stage 2 of the consultation. Steve Yemm, MP for Mansfield, has also confirmed that residents were consulted to gather their views on the potential closure. Survey responses show that the overwhelming majority of Warsop residents do not want Burns Lane to close.

The Parish Council continues to:

- Monitor the implementation of the scheme
- Represent residents' concerns to highways authorities
- Seek clarity on traffic impact and safety outcomes

While safety improvements on Burns Lane are needed, the Council remains committed to ensuring that these can be achieved through measures other than full closure. Further updates will be provided as new information becomes available, and we hope Nottinghamshire County Council listens carefully to the views of the Warsop community.



## Pot Holes

**Warsop Parish Council continues to champion road safety and highway improvements across our community.**

We know residents are concerned about potholes and the condition of local roads, and we have repeatedly raised these issues with Nottinghamshire County Council officers and our local County Councillor to press for action where it is most needed.

In 2025, hundreds of potholes were repaired across the parish, with safety-critical defects prioritised. However, councillors remain concerned about the longevity of some temporary repairs and are calling for greater investment in long-term resurfacing, particularly on roads with ongoing problems.

The tragic incident in December 2025, when a resident was injured after a fall outside Lifespring at the pedestrian crossing, was deeply felt by the community. Councillors offered their condolences, held a minute's silence at the January 2026 Full Council meeting, and stressed the urgency of improving road and pavement conditions to reduce the risk of further harm.

We continue working with Nottinghamshire County Council to ensure reports are followed up, dangerous defects are escalated, and parish priorities are reflected in resurfacing plans. Residents can report potholes directly to the County Council or raise concerns with us for escalation.

Thank you to everyone who continues to share concerns — your feedback helps ensure local issues remain firmly on the agenda.





## Working out your Parish Contribution to Council Tax

The Precept is the part of your Council Tax that funds the Parish Council and enables it to carry out its duties. Parish Councils can apply for grants or funding for specific projects, but they do not receive direct funding from central government.

### How is the Precept calculated?

By law, the Parish Council must agree its budget before setting the Precept, and both must be approved by the full Council. Once the budget for the coming financial year has been forecast, the Parish Council requests this amount from its local billing authority, Mansfield District Council (MDC). MDC then converts the Precept into a charge per household, based on Council Tax property bands, and includes it in residents' Council Tax bills.

To support decision-making, councillors are provided with a Precept Calculator at the February meeting. This allows them to consider different budget options and understand how these may affect taxpayers.

### What is the Tax Base?

The Tax Base is calculated by MDC using Council Tax records. It includes all properties in the parish and adjusts for discounts, such as single occupancy, second homes, empty, or exempt properties.

Properties are converted into "Band D equivalents" using the following ratios:

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| Band A: | £27.25 |
| Band B: | £31.80 |
| Band C: | £36.34 |
| Band D: | £40.88 |
| Band E: | £49.96 |
| Band F: | £59.05 |
| Band G: | £68.13 |
| Band H: | £81.76 |

This means, for example, Band A is six-ninths of Band D, while Band H is twice Band D.

The estimated number of new Band D equivalent properties expected during the year is also included. The total Precept is then divided by the Tax Base to calculate the Band D charge, which is used to determine charges for all other bands and is compared with the previous year's figure.

### Why can the amount change?

The Tax Base may increase if new homes are built, or decrease if more properties receive discounts. Other factors include empty or demolished properties, second homes, boundary changes, or changes in collection dates. These changes can affect the amount each household pays.

## COMMUNITY MATTERS

# Breathing New Life into Lifespring

For years, Lifespring in Ollerton has been a beating heart at the centre of community life - a place where people of every age, background, and need can find safety, warmth, support, and belonging.



Rooted in this vision, Lifespring has continued to grow and stretch outward, creating new spaces that serve local people in real and practical ways. One of its earliest expansions, Turnaround Charity Shop, has become a thriving hub in its own right, offering quality items at genuinely affordable prices while providing purpose, community, and opportunity for volunteers and customers alike.

So when Warsop Town Hall faced the real possibility of closure or sale, conversations naturally began. Could Lifespring step in? Could this beautiful, historic, and much loved building become something new - not instead of its past, but because of it?

The answer from the community was clear: yes.

### A Vision Shaped by Local Voices

Before any walls were measured or architectural drawings drafted, Lifespring listened. The people of Warsop shared their hopes, their frustrations, and their dreams for the Town Hall. Overwhelmingly, the community wanted:

- A space that was **accessible to everyone**, regardless of mobility, age, or circumstance
- A building filled with **activity, learning, and creativity**
- A warm, welcoming environment that remained true **to the heritage of the structure**
- A place where community life could grow, gather, and thrive

From these conversations, a vision was formed: to breathe new life into the bones of the building and create a modern community space with purpose at its core.

### More Than Paperwork: A Building Already in Use

Although the past months may have looked slow from the outside, behind the scenes the work has been non stop.

Renovation projects require significant planning, permissions, safety checks, fundraising, and coordination — but Lifespring Warsop has not been dormant.

Even while plans were being drawn and surveys completed, the building has quietly come alive:

- Art, fitness, IT, and business classes
- Warsop Wives gathering weekly
- Emerging home groups
- A deeply rooted Sunday evening service
- Ongoing food bank support
- Christmas Carols by Candlelight beneath the famously crooked tree

This has been the "calm before the storm" - a glimpse into what the building could become once renovated fully.

### £200,000 Raised - and the Real Work Begins

Thanks to incredible generosity, grant funding, and determined behind the scenes work, over £200,000 has now been raised. This foundational funding means the first major stage of construction can begin.

And with that, so can the chaos - the good kind.

Over the coming months:

- **Walls will be removed** to open up space
- **Wiring will be replaced** with safe, modern systems
- **Accessibility improvements** will shape every detail
- **Current toilets will be demolished** and rebuilt as modern unisex and fully accessible facilities
- **A new EHO standard kitchen** will be installed for food clubs and community meals
- The character and elegance of the historic building will be protected and celebrated

### But the Journey Isn't Finished More Funding Is Still Needed

While £200,000 allows construction to

begin, it is only the first phase of a much larger vision.

To complete the full renovation - including accessibility improvements, equipment, furnishings, specialist installations, and the development of future community programmes - **additional funding will still be required.**

Lifespring is deeply grateful for every donation, grant, and act of generosity so far. But to see the building truly reach its potential, support from the community and partners will continue to be essential.

Every pound raised helps ensure Warsop has:

- A fully accessible community hub
- Safe, modern spaces for activities and support
- A sustainable building preserved for generations
- A warm environment where people can learn, connect, and thrive

This is a shared vision - and together, it is absolutely achievable.

### It May Look Quiet - But It's Full Steam Ahead

Renovation has a "quiet phase" where planning and approvals take longer than hammers and builders, but behind the scenes the momentum has been constant. The next stage is where all that unseen work becomes visible.

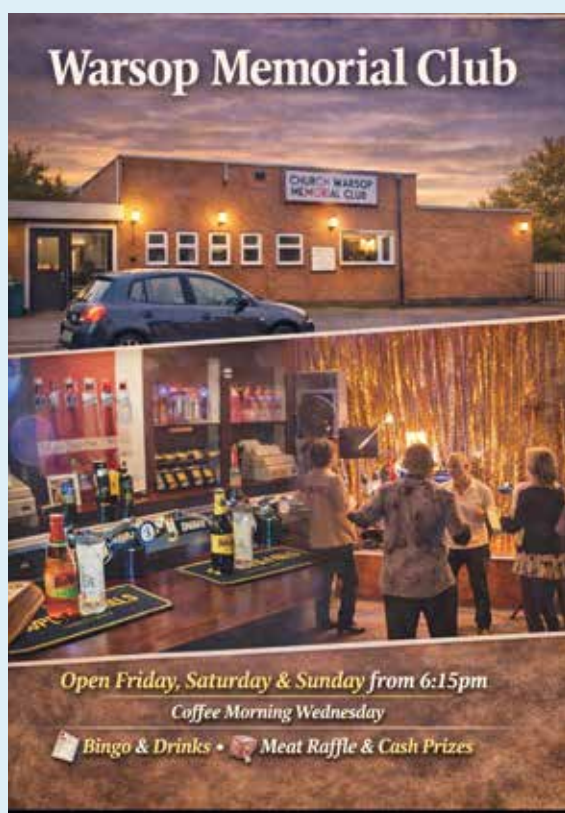
### See the Journey With Your Own Eyes

For anyone curious - for those who love a good transformation story - before and after moments are coming. And you're invited to follow along.

Pop in to see the progress, or follow the Lifespring Facebook pages to watch the building evolve from cherished history to vibrant future.

**Lifespring Warsop is coming - and it's coming with a bang. Hard hats may be required.**

# CHURCH WARSOP & WARSOP VALE



## The Memorial Club: Church Warsop

The Memorial Club in Church Warsop has long been an important part of the local community, offering a welcoming place where people can come together, socialise and enjoy a variety of activities.

For many years the club has played a key role in village life, and the team behind it are now working hard to bring that lively community spirit back again.

The club is currently open on Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings from 6:15pm, hosting a range of entertainment for members and visitors alike.

Popular events include bingo, the exciting "Open the Box" game, quiz nights and live singers performing a variety of music. These evenings are a great way for people to catch up with friends, meet new faces and enjoy a relaxed and friendly night out.

As well as the weekend entertainment, the club also holds a welcoming coffee morning every Wednesday where people can pop in for a cup of tea or coffee, enjoy a chat and spend time with others in the community.

The Memorial Club also has a room available for hire, making it a great venue for parties, celebrations, meetings or other local events.

The aim moving forward is to continue building the club back up and hopefully open more nights each week, bringing the community together and making the Memorial Club a lively social hub for Church Warsop once again.

**For more information  
or to book the function  
room please call:  
01623 842183**

## Church Warsop and Warsop Vale are two distinct communities in the Warsop Carrs ward in the parish of Warsop.

Church Warsop developed as a mining village and still reflects its industrial roots. The area has a strong community spirit, with local residents and organisations maintaining social connections and supporting village life.

Warsop Vale, located nearby, was the site of Warsop Main Colliery, it has experienced some new housing developments in recent years. Like Church Warsop, Warsop Vale retains a close-

knit community where local groups and play an important role in bringing people together. Both areas reflect the ongoing challenges of former mining communities, balancing the realities of a changing base with a strong sense of identity and neighbourliness. Community life is supported through informal networks, local events and the work of residents' groups, which help maintain a sense of pride in the areas.



### Carter Lane Speeding Remains a Concern for Local Residents

District Councillor Andy Burgin has highlighted ongoing concerns about speeding on Carter Lane, particularly at the bend near Rock House.

Andy Burgin said, "I've lost count of the times I've seen a car go off the road there."

The issue has raised safety concerns among local residents.

Earlier this year the situation prompted the police to close the road at around 9:30 p.m. in order to recover a car that had left the carriageway. During the closure, traffic was forced to turn around and take an alternative route through Sookholme, causing disruption for drivers and local residents alike.

Clr Burgin has indicated that he has contacted the Neighbourhood Police Team to explore options for reducing speeding. One suggestion is to stage a speed camera, either in one of the laybys along the road or at the entrance to the nearby fields. He acknowledged, however, that the police are currently prioritising enforcement on roads with a 30 mph speed limit, which limits their capacity to address Carter Lane at present.

Residents are encouraged to remain vigilant and report any incidents of dangerous driving. While official enforcement options are limited at the moment, continued monitoring of the area and community feedback may help to bring greater attention to the issue and support future safety measures.



### Residents Urged to Help Tackle Flytipping

Local residents have raised concerns about litter and flytipping on Wood Lane and on the side of Cuckney Hill.

Both areas have unfortunately become sites where rubbish is being dumped illegally, affecting the local environment and community.

Cuckney Hill appears to attract items thrown from vehicles, with residents reporting bottles, bags of household waste and other refuse left along the roadside. On Wood Lane, there are specific locations where bulky items are regularly flytipped, particularly in the wooded sections. These incidents not only spoil the appearance of the area but can also pose hazards to wildlife and anyone who comes across the waste.

Flytipping is a criminal offence in the United Kingdom and carries serious penalties. Offenders can face fines of up to £50,000, or even imprisonment, depending on the severity of the offence. Local authorities take reports of flytipping seriously, and prompt reporting helps prevent further incidents and ensures that waste is removed quickly.

Members of the public are encouraged to report flytipping as soon as it is discovered. This can be done via the local council's website or by contacting the environmental enforcement team.

Anyone using a service to remove rubbish should also make sure the company is properly licensed, as unlicensed waste carriers can dispose of items illegally, leaving the homeowner liable. Providing details about the location, type of waste and any identifying information can help authorities investigate, remove the waste and keep the area safe and clean for the local community.

### Reporting Potholes

Potholes continue to be an ongoing issue affecting both Church Warsop and Warsop Vale.

While the county council has carried out some repairs, many potholes remain on local roads, causing inconvenience for drivers and potential damage to vehicles.

Residents are reminded that reporting potholes promptly helps ensure that the council can prioritise repairs effectively.

Potholes can be reported to Nottinghamshire County Council via their dedicated highways page: [www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/roads/maintenance/faults](http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/roads/maintenance/faults) or by calling the Highways Contact Centre on 0300 500 80 80.



West Street, Warsop Vale, NG20 8XL

### The Centre: Warsop Vale

The Centre on West Street has become an important focal point for the Warsop Vale community.

It provides a welcoming space for social events, coffee mornings, group activities and local meetings. Residents can use the venue for a wide range of purposes, making it a versatile resource for the village.

The building was refurbished and officially reopened in 2023 thanks to the dedication and hard work of local volunteers, alongside support from community organisations and local councillors. The project demonstrates what can be achieved when residents come together to improve facilities and create spaces that benefit everyone.

Since reopening, The Centre has hosted numerous events, giving people of all ages a chance to meet neighbours, build friendships and participate in village life. It has quickly become a place where informal networks can flourish, helping to strengthen community ties in an area that has limited local amenities.

The Centre is more than just a building; it reflects the commitment of residents to maintaining a strong sense of identity and community in Warsop Vale. By providing a safe, flexible and accessible space, it continues to play a vital role in the social and recreational life of the village.

# DESTINATION WARSOP PARISH:

## Dukeries Eco Watch Let's Twitter About Birds!

Spring is nesting season, and one of the simple pleasures of life in Warsop is a stroll around The Carrs, feeding the birds and watching cygnets and ducklings grow and explore the Mill Dam. Many residents also enjoy feeding birds at home, and this small act can play an important role in supporting local wildlife.

### Why are bird numbers falling?

Bird numbers in the UK have fallen sharply, with around 73 million fewer birds than 50 years ago and 70 species now on the Red List (Defra). Habitat loss, climate change, and disease have all played a part.

But communities can help. By providing safe feeding spaces and protecting green areas like The Carrs, we can support local wildlife and ensure future generations continue to enjoy the birds that make Warsop so special.

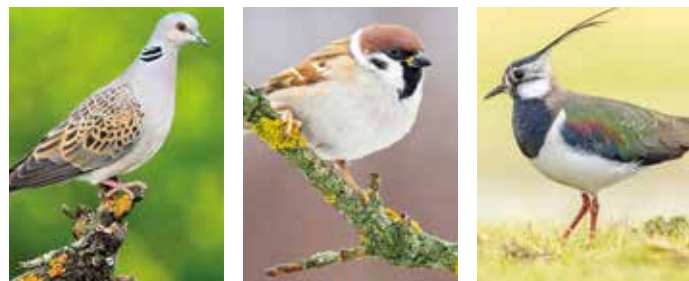


Photo credit: RSPB: l-r Turtle Dove, Tree Sparrow, Lapwing

### What can we do to help our wild birds?

#### 1 Feed birds the right food

You can support local birds by creating wildlife-friendly gardens. Planting trees and shrubs that produce seeds and berries, and leaving areas like leaf litter or log piles undisturbed, provides natural food and shelter while supporting the insects birds rely on.

The RSPB website offers detailed guidance on the best foods for wild birds and how to feed them safely, but in general most species benefit from mixed seeds and sunflower hearts, unsalted and aflatoxin-free peanuts (provided in feeders rather than loose), suet pellets, mealworms, fruit and uncooked oats.

Avoid feeding bread, as it offers little nutrition and can cause health problems such as Angel Wing Syndrome, as well as polluting the Mill Dam by encouraging algae growth and attracting pests.

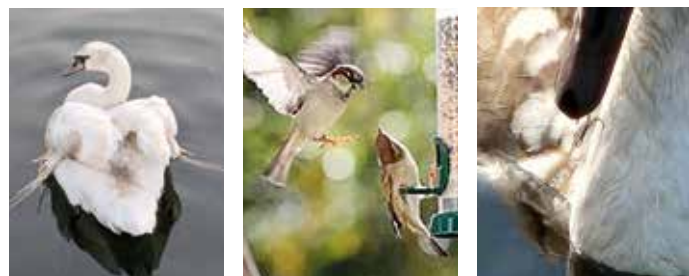


Photo credit: Angel Wing Syndrome, Barnegat Bay Island NJ

Photo credit: RSPB

Photo credit: Warsop Wildlife Rescue Team

#### 2 Avoid spread of disease:

keep feeding stations and bird baths clean

- Choose easy-to-clean feeders and wash them regularly, at least once a month, with warm water and animal-safe disinfectants, as feeding areas can spread disease.

- Only put out as much food as birds will eat to prevent it going stale or mouldy. Use more than one feeder to reduce overcrowding and move them regularly to avoid a build-up of droppings.
- Always wear gloves when handling feeders or wash your hands thoroughly afterwards.

#### 3 Please do not litter!

Ring pulls, plastic packaging, deflated balloons, etc, are lethal to wildlife. If fishing in the Mill Dam, please take all hooks, lines and rubbish home. Too many birds become entangled, risking life and limb for bird and rescuer!

Although we sometimes forget, we, too, are part of nature and everything we do affects the ecosystems around us. It has never been more important for us to learn how to reduce our impact and protect our wildlife.

For further information, check out [warsop-parish.gov.uk/DukeriesEcoWatch](http://warsop-parish.gov.uk/DukeriesEcoWatch)

Happy Easter!



## PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

**We would like to inform the community that the mesh barriers have been reinstalled at the top of the Weir at Carrs Dam.**

These measures are in place to protect young water birds, allowing them time to mature before they are able to navigate the steps independently. The barriers will remain in place until it is safe to remove them, and we

appreciate your understanding and support in helping to protect local wildlife. If you have any concerns, please don't hesitate to contact our team. Thank you.



**The Friends of Thynghowe**  
*Thynghowe and the forgotten heritage of Sherwood*

**For over 20 years the Friends of Thynghowe have been investigating the heritage of the Viking Age assembly site of Thynghowe and the surrounding Forest of Birklands on the eastern edge of Warsop Parish.**

To share the stories from this landscape we hold events and we continue the traditions of assembling in the woodlands and perambulating its boundaries.

Our traditional perambulation to Thynghowe will take place on Saturday 25th April. This is a good opportunity to discover more about the history of Thynghowe and the surrounding woodlands of Birklands with a springtime walk through the forest. We will meet at 10am and should return by 2pm. According to ancient custom there should be free beer on Thynghowe! Check our website or Facebook page for more details.

The theme for the 2026 Council for British Archaeology's Festival of Archaeology is "Archaeology and Nature". We are planning an event for Saturday 18th July when we will

walk through Birklands and look at ways that archaeology and nature are interconnected. We will focus on how the trees, other plants and animals can reveal the past of the Forest.

Details of all our events can be found on: [thynghowe521978831.wordpress.com](http://thynghowe521978831.wordpress.com) and our Facebook page is: [www.facebook.com/Thynghowe](http://www.facebook.com/Thynghowe)

The Friends of Thynghowe also assist Forestry England with conservation tasks in Birklands. Our work sessions take place on one Friday each month and involve tasks including managing bracken and birch to create heathland habitats, creating halos around veteran oak trees, clearing the sides of rides to improve habitats, and eating cake! Get in touch if you are interested in joining us.

Our relationship with the local Forestry England team allows us to have an input to the management of heritage features in Birklands. Recent issues have included identifying exclusion zones around sensitive area when forestry operations are planned, making suggestions about the conservation of the culvert stonework surviving from the water meadows at Gleadthorpe and suggesting possible origins of a depression on The Lings.

And at this time of year, it's especially important to remember that we can play our part in helping birds breed successfully by keeping dogs under close control and keeping to paths in the countryside. Ground-nesting birds are particularly vulnerable especially between March and July. When on any open access land the law says that you must keep your dog on a lead no longer than 2 metres between 1st March and 31st July.

Contact us for more information about how to join in our activities - our email address is: [friendsofthynghowe@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofthynghowe@gmail.com).

Send us an email if you would like to receive emails about our news and events.

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Account number 8387085  
Sort code 51-70-06



The Vikings of Sherwood project is supported by the National Lottery through the Heritage Lottery Fund.

[www.thynghowe.org.uk](http://www.thynghowe.org.uk)

# OUR RURAL HEART

## Springtime and Wildlife: When to Help and When to Wait

Spring is here, and with it comes an increase in baby wildlife. While it's natural to want to help, knowing when to intervene is crucial.



Many young animals, particularly fledgling birds, are often found on the ground while their parents remain close by, continuing to care for them. Always observe from a safe distance for an hour or two before stepping in.

Avoid assuming an animal has been abandoned. Human interference can cause unnecessary stress and may prevent parents from returning. Your safety is also important, some animals can become aggressive when

frightened, and certain species require specialist handling.

If an animal is clearly injured, cold, or in immediate danger, contact a wildlife rescue centre straight away.

Do not offer food or water, as this can be harmful. Keep the animal warm, quiet, and secure until professional help is available.



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### Livestock Worrying

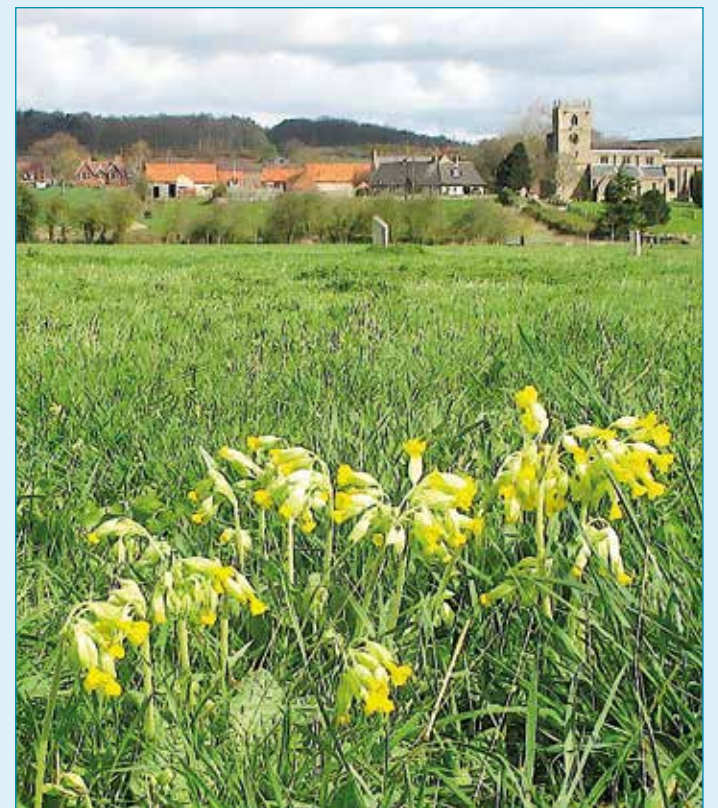
Take the lead, protect livestock. Respect the countryside. Keep your dog on a lead.

Even the most well-behaved dogs may instinctively chase livestock, especially at this time of year. It's usually excitement rather than aggression, but it can still severely distress ewes and lead to exhaustion, shock, abortion, or even death.

Scan to learn more about Livestock worrying

<https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/parishnews>

To learn more about how to support the team or how to report injured wildlife, visit our Facebook @WarsopWildlifeRescueTeam



## Warsop Footpaths and Countryside Group

**By now spring should have definitely sprung! Towards the end of the month, the first bluebells may appear, and a walk through Collier Spring Wood in Church Warsop should reveal a beautiful display.**

Cowslips will soon be blooming on the Hills & Holes and on The Carrs, while early purple orchids and snake's head fritillaries can sometimes be spotted if you look carefully.

Listen out for the call of the cuckoo, now heard less often than in the past. Changes in the timing of spring may affect their return from Africa, and similar challenges may also be impacting species such as swifts. April should also bring the first peacock and orange tip butterflies, and if you are lucky, you might see a slowworm or grass snake basking in the sunshine after hibernation.

Bumblebees are another welcome sign of spring. There are six common species locally, and it can be fascinating to try and identify them.

Last year we began our native wildflower project, planting seedlings in local green spaces. We hope to see more species becoming established this year alongside cowslips, cranesbills and musk mallows already found on The Carrs.

In May we plan to carry out our annual survey for water voles along the River Meden between the Mill Dam and Stone Bridge. Last year we found evidence of three territories and hope the population remains healthy.

Our volunteers have also been busy over winter maintaining footpaths, trimming hedges and clearing areas at several local sites. As the growing season begins, mowing along public footpaths and bridleways will start again.

If you'd like to get involved get in touch at warsopfsg@icloud.com.

Finally, as ground-nesting birds begin breeding, please help protect them by keeping dogs under close control when walking in the countryside.

You can follow our activities on our Facebook page and find ideas for local walks on our website.

**warsopfsg@icloud.com**

**facebook.com/Warsop1816 warsopcountryside.wordpress.com**

**Our Secretary can be contacted on 01623 846281.**

*Warsop Footpaths and Countryside Group is a community group whose members share an interest in the countryside. We maintain the public footpath network in Warsop, we undertake conservation projects and we share information about the local environment.*

# DESTINATION WARSOP PARISH:



A picture from our archives shows the paddling pool on The Carrs during the 1950s.

## Old Warsop Society

**Everybody is welcome to come along to our monthly meetings held on the last Wednesday of every month apart from August and December.**

We are now holding our meetings at the Oaklands Centre.

We hope that this change in venue may attract some new members who find this location more convenient. The meetings start at 7:30pm with the doors open from just after 7pm. If you are not a member we appreciate a small donation but it only costs £10 a year to join the society.

We continue to focus on local topics for our monthly meeting. We usually announce the next topic at the previous month's meeting. This gives us the flexibility to follow up on an interesting theme or respond to member's suggestions.

Recent presentations have included the Slaney family's history, stories from parts of Warsop parish within a particular grid square on the Ordnance Survey map, fifty years of the Parish Centre and the life of Major Hayman Rooke (the major of Major Oak fame).

We are continuing to upload a Facebook post every day, sharing pictures from our archives and other local history information. Recently we have included a series tracing Warsop's 'lost roads' that have disappeared or have been modified and also extracts from Frank Blythmans recollections of life in Warsop before 1910.

Our Facebook page is reaching many folk who don't live locally or are unable to attend our meetings. Recently we have been pleased to have received copies of interesting photographs (some them dating from the 1890s) from people who have contacted us online.

You can view our page on: [facebook.com/oldwarsopsociety](https://www.facebook.com/oldwarsopsociety)

## Unearthing Unmet Needs

### Warsop workers unearth barriers to recovery in county-wide project.



**A Nottinghamshire-wide project, funded by Nottinghamshire County Council through the Stronger Roots programme, has unearthed unmet needs in the county's drug and alcohol services.**

The project began in late 2025 as a way to find out where current services might not meet community needs, led by workers from Warsop.

As part of the project, Rhubarb Farm workers have reached out to the community, shared surveys, and collected personal stories from people across Nottinghamshire.

Key findings highlighted concerns around service accessibility, digital exclusion, childcare responsibilities, social stigma, fear of authority, rural isolation and feelings of shame, as well as a clear need for more lived-experience and peer-led services.

The findings have directly shaped three short films, produced by Warsop-based BESQ Productions, as well as inspiring an original song created in just six weeks by



Unearthed's Rhythm of Recovery music group. These creative outputs aim to amplify community voices and present findings in accessible, engaging formats.

Warsop's Ben Sofield, recovery lead at Rhubarb Farm, and fellow Warsop creative writer, Phoebe Cox, have played a key role in the project, working alongside workers

from across Nottinghamshire to help unearth barriers and experiences.

Ben, with the co-lead Joanne O'Connor of Rhubarb Farm, oversaw the research team, selected due to lived experience in substance use and mental health. Their contributions have helped shape both the creative outputs and the formal findings report set to be delivered to Nottinghamshire County Council.



The project demonstrates the power of community-led research and creative collaboration in shaping future approaches to drug and alcohol support across the county.

**Phoebe said:**

*"It has been very rewarding to work on something that is giving voice to issues that affect so many people day to day, but we often either ignore it or it becomes taboo. Thank you to everyone who has had conversations with us, completed the survey, shared their stories, and helped shape the sound of our song and inspired the theme of our films. It has been very healing for me to channel this subject through creativity."*

## u3a News ("A Youth Club for Pensioners")

**Warsop and District u3a meets on the third Monday every month in the Oaklands Centre between 10.15am and 12.15pm.**

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During the month smaller groups meet to enjoy shared interests and activities, ranging from crafting to walking via history, Tai Chi and several other activities.

We host guest speakers who talk on a variety of topics, with future talks including Nottinghamshire Pit Ponies and 'Do you remember?'

Our monthly meetings remain an important part of Warsop U3A life and provide us all with a chance to socialise, listen to interesting speakers and keep up to date with news and events.

Therefore, the Committee encourage members to attend whenever possible and bring along any family or friends who might be interested in joining us.

Further information about groups, activities, meeting days and venues can be found at [Warsop.u3asite.uk](https://www.warsop.u3asite.uk)



On Monday 15th Dec 2025 members met at the Oaklands Centre for their monthly meeting and Christmas - Festive celebrations. The committee provided traditional, gluten free and vegan seasonal treats, like mince pies, pork pies, sausage rolls, panettone and cakes.

Entertainment was provided by the Vibrant Warsop Singing group who sang a variety of seasonal songs, with members encouraged to join in if they knew the words!

It was a merry event enjoyed by all and set everyone up for the festive days ahead, which included Christmas lunch with entertainment at The Hostess.

The Craft Group met in November 2025 and made seasonal decorations ready for the Christmas - Festive season.

They also met in January 2026 to decide their projects for the coming year. These include rag wreath making, paper crafting, embroidery and brooch making.

### The Walking group

Has a full calendar of monthly walks planned and looks forward to seeing old and new members. As usual they leave The Carrs (car park) at 10.00 am prompt. Their first walk of the year is staying local, starting and ending at the car park. The route they will take is weather dependent. Other planned walks include Old Oaks, Sherwood Forest, Little Gringley and a circular walk of Mansfield Woodhouse.

Walks are generally between 4 and 6 miles long. A separate group meets for easier strolls in the local area.

If you are retired or semi retired come along to one of our monthly meetings and see if you'd like to join us, annual membership just £20.00, first meeting free.

We have 2 walking groups  
The STROLLERS: Easy walking 2 to 4 miles meet on the last Wednesday of the month at 10am on the Carrs.

The WALKING GROUP:- 4 to 8 miles, meeting every 3rd Thursday of the month at 10am, on the Carrs.



**Ben added:**

*"A huge thank you to everyone across the area who got involved, shared information about the project, or simply took the time to talk with us. Your insight has directly informed this work. The findings have the potential to help shape future substance recovery services, with our report capturing community experiences, setting out recommendations, and highlighting the creative branches, and research work that has developed since the survey's inception."*

To find out more about Unearthed and their work across Nottinghamshire, follow:

[www.instagram.com/unearthednottinghamshire](https://www.instagram.com/unearthednottinghamshire)  
[www.facebook.com/unearthednottinghamshire](https://www.facebook.com/unearthednottinghamshire)

# COMMUNITY LIFE



## Warsop Inner Wheel

**The Warsop carnival tea tent ladies need your help!**

**The Innerwheel club of warsop, aka the tea tent ladies, need your help to find a suitable small storage space for their catering and other equipment.**

The equipment is used for community and charity events and due to the sad passing of one of our members we need to find somewhere new to store it all. If you have, or know of, a small reasonably priced storage area please contact our club correspondent Charlotte on 07969355577 or on email at innerwheelwarsop@gmail.com. Thank you

What is Innerwheel? First and foremost, we are a friendship organisation. We are a group for women, run by women with the aim of fostering friendship. We also offer service in the form of fundraising for local, national and international charities. This is done with fun and friendship at its heart. The most well-known of our endeavours has been for many years our tea tent at the Warsop carnival. This event has traditionally been the first fund raising event of our president's year and has been a feature of the Warsop carnival for more years than some members would like to remember (a long time). It has always been fun running it and will be missed by the members this year, as sadly there is no carnival, however we look forward to wearing our pinnies again next year and serving our community with lovely cake and refreshments.

So, what else do we do? We have fun! We meet monthly, on the first Wednesday of every month at the Hostess restaurant and enjoy a meal

with friends. We sometimes have a speaker to entertain us. We have had all sorts of speakers and examples from the last few years are a forensic scientist, a retired armed services dog with his trainer and a conservationist telling us about conservation in our gardens. We have had quizzes and beetle drives, with prizes, creative writing sessions, face yoga lesson (yes it's a thing) and drawing lessons to name a few things, which have all been informative and fun and there is always time for a chat. We also hold events outside of our meetings and in the last few months these have included, a walk around the Carrs, turning the church orange to highlight domestic and violent abuse of women, a craft day, a flower arranging day, decorating a tree for the church tree festival, a fish and chip lunch and a Soup & cheese community event. For our charities we also collect items for babies and women in need and make up baby bundles and Joy bags to name a few of the things we do. Members take part as much or as little as they wish and there is no pressure to do anything. Our members are of all ages with our eldest being 101 and still enjoying her membership.

If you would like more information about the Innerwheel club of Warsop please contact our club correspondent Charlotte on 07969355577 or email innerwheelwarsop@gmail.com or look us up on Facebook @ innerwheelwarsop. We look forward to meeting you.



## AGE CONCERN

**I was delighted to attend the Christmas lunch organised by Age Concern Warsop.**

The room was full of festive cheer as local residents enjoyed a hearty meal, plenty of conversation, and a lively game of bingo. Everyone I spoke to told me just how much they had enjoyed the day and praised the organisers for such a well-run and welcoming event.

During the lunch, I had the chance to chat with residents about a range of local issues, including housing, road conditions, and concerns around

anti-social behaviour. I've made sure all these points have been passed on to the appropriate teams so they can be followed up.

It was also a real pleasure to catch up with several former councillors and hear their reflections on their time serving our community — a truly insightful and valuable conversation.

**Jack Stephenson**  
Mansfield District Councillor

## Inspire

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### Upcoming events at Warsop Library

**During March-** We will be exchanging World book Day vouchers for free books.

**10th March- 3.30-4.30** Mother's Day Craft, come along and make a card for someone special.

**Easter holidays-** Join in with our easter trail around the library

**1st March -** come along and enjoy a story followed by planting a pea to take home.

**7th April -** We will be making pinwheels to put in the garden.

Keep an eye out for summer reading- information coming soon

**1st Saturday of the Month -** bereavement group meets at the library

Did you know- You can get books delivered to your door (pop into the library to find out more).

**We have 2 craft projects happening right now -**

We are knitting bonding squares- pop in and pick up a pattern if you would like to help.

We are also making a wall hanging to celebrate our 70th birthday in October, if you would like to be involved come along to one of our craft sessions on a Friday afternoon 2.30 -3.30.

for more information, visit [inspireculture.org.uk](http://inspireculture.org.uk) or call Ask Inspire on 01623 677 200



### What's on at Warsop Library

**Tuesday - Rattle Rhyme and Roll 10am-10:30am 0-4 years**

**Under 5's rhyme time. Come and join the fun! Term time only.**

**Family Fun Club 3.30-4.30 2-11 years**

**Join us to craft, do homework, read, play board games, use computers or even the Micro bits.**

**Wednesday - Places of welcome Coffee Morning 10am-12:30pm**

**Enjoy a chat, read the paper, and meet likeminded people, whilst have a nice warm drink and a biscuit or two!**

**Friday - Craft and Chat 2:30pm - 3:30pm**

**Struggling to find something to do on a Friday afternoon? Do you like crafting or just having a chit chat? If you have answered yes to these questions, then pop in and say HI.**

**Every day we are open**

**We always have a community jigsaw on the go.**

**Why not pop in and put a couple of pieces in.**

**Community garden**

**Help us with the plants or just relax in our lovely outside space.**

**Adult Book club**

**We have 3 books for you to choose from. You can read all three or none, no pressure. We then meet every 9 weeks for our brew and review to chat about reading.**



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# NEW BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT



## Thrive Together Community CIC

### Supporting Children, Young People and Communities

Thrive Together Community CIC is a not-for-profit organisation supporting children, young people, families, and communities through education, wellbeing, and early-intervention work.

Founded in Bournemouth and now relocated to Warsop, Thrive Together Community CIC has been running for the past year, delivering school and community-based workshops to support young people in an ever-changing world. Thrive is now developing its work across the wider Nottinghamshire area.

Workshops are delivered in schools and community settings using original storybooks and workbooks written by founder Kathy Grubb. Key themes include anti-bullying, knife crime awareness and prevention, mental health and emotional wellbeing, resilience, and understanding neurodiversity.

Thrive works alongside schools, safeguarding teams, youth workers, and community organisations, complementing existing

pastoral and wellbeing support rather than replacing what is already in place.

Now based locally, Thrive Together Community CIC looks forward to working collaboratively with schools, families, and community groups across the Nottinghamshire area.

For more information, visit  
[www.thrivetogethercommunity.net](http://www.thrivetogethercommunity.net)

## Luvly Grub

### Cakes and Bakes



Hi, I'm Zoe, the proud owner of Luvly Grub Cakes & Bakes. I have always enjoyed baking and am never happier than when I am in a kitchen whipping up a cake.

Through COVID I did a lot of baking for us and others and had such great feedback.

I have always wanted to have my own business, so the obvious choice was an easy one, "baking". The decision was made when the time was right, that I would start up my own business with the support of my husband Simon and family.

The opportunity to make my dream a reality came when we found the unit on Clumber Street in Warsop (The old Teazels hairdressers).

I supply cakes, (slices or full tray bakes), savouries, takeaway hot drinks, cold filled sandwiches and takeaway afternoon teas. I cater buffets for all occasions from christenings to funerals.

Customers can pop in the unit or pre-order through Facebook, WhatsApp, message or phone. It has so far been a learning curve, but I am so grateful to all my customers and my amazing family who have supported a local business and my dream.

## JJ's Hardware Ltd New Warsop Business

A new hardware business that recently opened on 28a Sherwood Street have had some ups and downs. The plan was to open in June 2025 but after having a flood (in the middle of a heatwave!!) plans had to change.

So a little bit about myself, I'm originally from Scunthorpe, but my wife is from Meden Vale, so we moved back this way mid last year, as we've always preferred this area. I've previously owned a similar business with a friend, but the drive was getting a bit too much, so I decided to part ways.



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I always felt like warsop was missing an old fashioned hardware shop, so decided to give it a go here, as we live on Sherwood Street and it would give me more time to spend with my family.

The shop is named after my son Jacob.

We offer a wide range of products and services, from hand tools, power tools, decorating, plumbing and electrical products, key cutting and locksmith services, watch batteries and repairs, and even jewellery repairs.



## Speaking English

Leanne Herniman is a TESOL (Teaching English to speakers of other Languages) -certified, native British English teacher offering tailored English tuition for adults in Warsop and the surrounding areas.

Her work focuses on helping learners develop practical, real-world English skills for professional and everyday communication. She supports adults who want to improve their confidence in spoken and written English, particularly in business and industry settings.

Leanne provides individual personalised lessons, small group sessions, and specialised support for the Duolingo English Test. Lessons are designed around each learner's goals, whether that involves professional fluency, workplace communication, or structured exam preparation.

With experience working with Polish- and Ukrainian-speaking learners, she is able to offer additional language support where helpful, making lessons accessible and welcoming to members of the local international community.

Sessions are available on a one-to-one basis or in small groups. Please see the contact details below for further info and queries.

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Unveiling the plaque outside The Vibrant Venue on February 20th, 2026.

## Warsop Celebrates Ancient Roots on National Sherwood Forest Day

The Vibrant Venue marked a historic moment in February as residents came together to celebrate National Sherwood Forest Day.

National Sherwood Forest Day, an annual occasion dedicated to recognising the environmental, social and economic importance of Nottinghamshire's most iconic landmark, was formally established on February 20, 2025.

The initiative was championed by Michelle Welsh, MP for Sherwood Forest, with the date chosen to mark the anniversary of the birth of Major Hayman Rooke, the historian who documented the ancient forest and after whom the Major Oak is named.

Vibrant Warsop director Maddy Pritchard learned of the opportunity to take part in this county-wide celebration through Steve Horne of the Warsop Footpaths Group.

Warsop residents gathered with Maddy and Steve at the former Methodist Church on Clumber Street, where Richard Townsley, a dedicated champion of Sherwood Forest, known as 'The Sheriff of Nottingham', unveiled the commemorative plaque.

The plaque, which will remain on permanent display at our venue, was co-funded by us here at Vibrant Warsop, Warsop Footpaths Group and donations from residents, reflecting a shared commitment to sustainability, heritage and community engagement.

### Community Connection

Organisers emphasised that the event was about more than adding a new date to the calendar; it was a call to encourage ongoing conversations and action around environmental stewardship, local heritage and community connection.

Richard Townsley said:

*"As a local lad, it makes me very proud to see such interest in celebrating our North Nottinghamshire area. This day enables us to celebrate a special part of the country, and a key part of history."*

*"When the day first launched, we thought there might be a small interest, perhaps five or six plaques, yet there have been more than 50 unveiled."*

*"Everyone knows the story of Robin Hood and Sherwood Forest, but locally we don't always recognise what that means for us. This day is about changing that. It's important we remember where we are from and who we are."*



## The Small Steps to Feeling Great Partnership

are delighted to announce that the East Midlands Mayor, Claire Ward has awarded funding for the resident lead project 'Doing it for Ourselves'

The project will be led by residents supporting each other to learn new skills and come together as a community 'Doing it for Ourselves'. Over 40 residents worked with Vibrant Warsop to develop the project and it has been community driven from the very start. We have been so inspired by the ideas and enthusiasm local people have already shown.

Mayor of the East Midlands, Claire Ward said:



*"I'm incredibly proud to see this funding going directly into the heart of communities that deserve it most. Local people know their neighbourhoods better than anyone, and these projects show exactly what can be achieved when we back their ideas and ambitions."*

*"By supporting community-led projects, we're building stronger, healthier neighbourhoods, boosting pride in place and ensuring everyone across our region has the chance to share in its future."*

Now the funding is confirmed we are looking forward to working with even more local people, other groups alongside organisations from the Small Steps to Feeling Great Partnership to put these ideas into action.

We are very grateful to Mayor Claire Ward for giving us this opportunity and through working together we are intent on making the very best of it for the whole community. Over the next few months there will be lots more information about the project and how to get involved.

CLAIRE WARD  
MAYOR OF THE  
EAST MIDLANDS



Small Steps to Feeling Great Partnership members:



Richard Townsley dressed as The Sheriff of Nottingham.

Photo by Phoebe Cox.

The Sheriff later visited Lifespring Church and Centre and Warsop Parish Council, where another Warsop plaque was unveiled outside the former Town Hall.

Commemorative events were also held across the county in Mansfield, Ashfield, Newark and Sherwood, Bestwood, Burton Joyce, Gedling and Calverton.

As National Sherwood Forest Day continues to grow in awareness, celebrations like Warsop's demonstrate how heritage initiatives can be meaningfully facilitated and embraced at a local level, bringing communities together, honouring shared history, and creating lasting markers for future generations.

Article by Phoebe Cox.



# Health Hub Open Day

On Saturday 6th March Warsop Health Hub hosted their bi-annual Big Open Weekend.



The community of Warsop Parish was invited through the doors to take a look around the facilities, and join in with a host of activities.

Warsop Fire Brigade encouraged adults to "Have a Go", putting their physical skills to the test and seeing if they had what it takes to become a firefighter. Alongside this the shiny red Fire Engine was available for all ages to explore and take a Firefighters view from behind the steering wheel.

Sport 4 Kidz kept the crowd warm outside on the Muga with a variety of sports based activities.

10 stalls sold their fabulous handmade items in the craft market.

The Health Hub staff were kept busy promoting their fabulous swimming lesson offers, HAF - Holiday Activities and Food Programme, displaying the new indoor inflatables and helping people use the BodiTrax machine - a highly accurate body composition analyzer that provides 20+ key health metrics - including fat percentage, muscle mass, and metabolic age

For more information about the Health Hub please visit [www.mansfieldleisure.com/warsop-health-hub](http://www.mansfieldleisure.com/warsop-health-hub)

A huge thank you to everyone that helped make the day so successful and for all that attended



*Parchment and Twine crafted with the children, making gorgeous Mothers Day Cards.*



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## Voices of the Vale Young Performers

**Voices of the Vale are celebrating our 10th anniversary in 2026 and aim to celebrate this in style!**

We're currently planning our annual show "The Greatest Show", which takes place at the Majestic Theatre in Retford this May.

We've recently opened our second site, with the former youth club building in Warsop, helping us extend our weekly programme of activities.

We've been multi-discipline for some time now and are proud to offer a range of classes in singing,

dancing, drama, musical theatre, acrobatic dance, musical theory and musical instruments.

We also offer exam classes to allow students to achieve qualifications in singing (AMRSM), dance (ISTD), and Drama (LAMDA), as well have a range of teaching staff that offer private tuition.

If you want to find out more about what we offer, contact Principal Amelia Elce on **07710 463974** or [votvchoir@gmail.com](mailto:votvchoir@gmail.com).

# Meden School

## February Half Term Update

As ever, the commitment of our staff and the effort shown by our students continues to shine through, both in the classroom and beyond.



### Student Achievements

#### HORSE RIDING

##### Hannah Y8 Achieves Riding Success

What began as a tear-filled pony day at age three has transformed into a remarkable equestrian journey for young rider Hannah Dodds, who is now celebrating an outstanding year in the show ring and preparing for an exciting season ahead with the talented Welsh Section C pony, Ellie.

##### Freya Selected for National Academy

Freya Percival's successful application to join the British Dressage Foundation Academy. A once in a lifetime opportunity for her! Freya continues to work incredibly hard in her A-Level studies, juggling the demand of her courses alongside the extensive training commitments required for her horse riding. We are extremely proud of her determination, resilience, and dedication, and we wish her every success as she continues on this exciting journey.

#### GYMNASTICS

##### Olivia Bromley Gymnastic Success

Olivia Bromley Y11, first stepped into the world of gymnastics in 2019 and what started as a hobby quickly grew into a passion.

In 2022, she took her first steps into coaching by enrolling in the Young Leadership course. Which has become a genuine role and today, Olivia helps at five sessions across three days, supporting gymnasts of all ages and abilities.

Olivia has applied to begin a Sports Coaching course at West Notts College, to build on her experience and expand her skills even further.

##### Gymnastic Success for Sisters Erin & Eva Broughton

Erin and Eva competed in the Magical Classic Gymnastics Competition in Orlando, Florida, one of the largest international gymnastics events in the U.S. Erin competed in the Level 10 category and delivered an exceptional performance and placed 1st overall, earning gold medals on floor and vault, and silver medals on bars and beam.

Eva, competing in Level 7, also excelled, finishing in the top 10 and gaining invaluable experience on the international stage.

#### YOUTH PARLIAMENT ELECTIONS

A huge thank you to everyone who made it possible for our students to take part in the Youth Parliament elections on Thursday 12th February. This was a brilliant and inspiring opportunity for our young people to step into a real democratic process, giving them powerful, first-hand insight into how voting works and why it truly matters.

#### SPORTS NEWS

##### Year 11 Football

On Thursday 12th February, our Year 11 boys took to the field for their quarter final fixture against Tuxford School. It proved to be a challenging game, with the team facing a strong and well-organised opponent and ultimately suffering a heavy defeat.

However, while results are an important part of sport, they are never the whole story. As a PE department, we continually emphasise the value of effort, character, and conduct - reminding our students that every fixture is an opportunity to represent Meden and the standards we stand for.

Despite the disappointment of the scoreline, the attitude and behaviour of every single player was exemplary. Their sportsmanship, resilience, and respect were a credit to both the school and themselves.

##### Y9 Boys Football

Our Y9 boys football team represented the school brilliantly at the 7-a-side tournament hosted at Jo Whit School on Monday 9th February.

Five other strong schools were in attendance: Ashfield, Quarrydale, Garibaldi, Selston and QE—traditionally tough opposition.

Despite incredibly tight matches throughout the afternoon, our boys performed superbly, showing consistency, resilience and super defensive organisation. Their results included: 1-0 victory and Four 0-0 draws

##### Sportshall Athletic Event

On Wednesday 4th Feb, a group of Y8 students attended QE school to compete in the annual sportshall athletics event.

Our students performed really well and most importantly, represented the school superbly. It was so nice to see the encouragement that they gave each other during each event.

##### Y8 Girls Shine In Their First Ever Basketball Competition

On Tuesday 20th January, a group of Year 8 girls travelled to Sutton School to take part in their first ever basketball fixture. Having never played together as a team—and with limited basketball experience in PE—we weren't quite sure how the match would unfold

But the girls absolutely blew us away!!

Their teamwork, determination, enthusiasm, and most importantly their respectful attitude towards the opposition were outstanding. They approached every game with positivity and supported each other throughout.

After four mini-games, the team came away with an impressive victory: 28 - 6 to us.

Please visit  
Vibrant website:  
[www.vibrantwarsop.org](http://www.vibrantwarsop.org)  
for more information  
about upcoming  
Parish Events

Voices of The Vale  
Easter Family Day  
Saturday 4th April  
12pm- 4pm  
Black Market Venue

Vibrant Warsop  
Line Dancing Social  
Saturday 18th April  
7pm - 10pm  
The Vibrant Venue  
Portland Street,  
Warsop

Ultimate  
Wedding Fayre  
Sunday April 26th  
11am - 3pm  
John Fretwell  
Complex



# COMMUNITY GROUPS & RESIDENTS WE NEED YOUR HELP JOIN US TO RUN WARSOP CARNIVAL 2027

**It is with great regret that we announce the current Carnival Committee will not be facilitating a Warsop Carnival 2026.**

This difficult decision has been made following ongoing challenges in securing the necessary number of volunteers and the funding required to safely and successfully deliver the event. The carnival is planned and executed by a volunteer committee of 5 people, who all hold down full time jobs. The decision has been reached by the committee, and the Parish Council, who over many years has assisted with funding to support the event, has been informed.

We know how much local people enjoy the carnival and that it is one of the main opportunities to have a free fun day and for locals to raise funds for community groups. We understand its importance.

Although the 2026 carnival will not go ahead, we remain committed to keeping the spirit of the event alive. Throughout 2026, we will be exploring opportunities to hold fundraising activities and community events with the aim of building the financial resources and boots on the ground support needed for future Carnivals.

**If you are interested in making a carnival happen for 2027, or in supporting future fundraising efforts, please join us at our next meeting at The Black Market Venue on Wednesday 15th April 6pm!**

**Our events booked so far are; Steve Riley's Party Prize Bingo on Saturday 30th May 7pm.**

Tickets are available online via The Black Market website, over the bar, from Vibrant Warsop, Portland Street or New Image hairdressers on the high street.

**Warsop Carnival Talent Show Saturday 26th September.**

More details to follow soon!

## Steve Riley's Party prize BINGO

Prizes to be announced

**Saturday 30th May, 7.00pm**

**Tickets £10pp**

**The Black Market**  
43 High St, Warsop, NG20 0AB  
In aid of Warsop Carnival

Includes entry & six games  
\*no refunds given

VIBRANT WARSOP

## COMMUNITY POWER

Maddy Pritchard, local resident and one of the Directors of Vibrant Warsop CIC is part of the national work on the Community Power, We're Right Here Campaign.

Below Maddy explains what it is all about.



### What is Community Power?

Community power is residents working together to shape our futures in our local area – this is the Power of Community.

### How we see it

I see it in action every day in Warsop Parish, groups running coffee mornings, activities for our young people and community events. People taking the time to listen, engage and love one another. This shapes our everyday world and gives us a sense of belonging, a place we call home – not because we live here but because we are loved here.

### What is 'We're Right Here' - the Community Power Campaign?

The government is planning the biggest transfer of power out of Westminster in a generation. This power shift needs to come to local people, not just politicians. People who know their neighbourhoods and what they need. We are calling for a new Devolution Bill that gives our community new rights

and real power and closes the gap between politics and ordinary people, putting the decisions that shape our places right where they belong – in our hands

### We're Right Here!

Communities want and deserve a stronger voice in local decisions, and thousands of us are joining together to make that happen. To convince the government to devolve power to local people, we must show overwhelming support up and down the country.

Will you help spread the word?

### How do I become part of this to support it.

Vibrant Warsop are a Community Power Champion for this campaign and we want to hear from you. We need to come together as residents, resident organisations and businesses to discuss the Warsop Parish we love and want to see thrive.

Together we can make it happen and the starting point is through these conversations.

**If you are interested in getting together to learn more please email me at: maddy@vibrantwarsop.org or phone 07984 367153 Visit: www.right-here.org**  
Help us shift power to our communities and sign up to the campaign.



## Church Warsop Coffee Afternoon

Church Warsop Memorial Club, Bishops Walk NG20 0SN  
Wednesdays 1pm - 3pm

Hot drinks • Board Games • Darts and Dominoes

**Everyone Welcome**

Suggested donation £2

Call Vicky on 07817478521  
for more information



Photo courtesy of: Stan Strickland

## The Battle of Hatfield Investigation Society needs your help

**We began in February 2013 with the intention of resolving the mystery of some 200 skeletons, discovered without artefacts.**

This occurred due to the underpinning of St. Mary's church, Cuckney which began in late 1950 and finished around the middle of 1951. This was carried out by Adam Eastwood and Sons (Warsop) and was due to the proposed running of a coal seam under St. Mary's, which had minimal footings.

They were said to be the bodies of young men with perfect sets of teeth. They were discovered in 3 or 4 mass burial pits, dug in a North/ South orientation but wide enough for the bodies to be laid with their feet pointing to the East, in the Christian tradition.

We were looking to discover if anyone knows about local Warsop photographer, Henry Sharp or Sergeant Sidney Antcliffe as they may have been aware of extra details and potentially crucial photographs of the skeletons when they were originally discovered.

Please help us bring this exciting project to further life, if you have any information please contact:

**Paul Jameson - Chairman**  
paul.jameson03@btinternet.com  
**Battle of Hatfield Investigation Society (BOHIS)**

For more information visit our website:

**www.battleofhatfieldsociety.co.uk**

# CHRISTMAS IN THE COMMUNITY

## WARSOP PARISH WINTERFEST



## Warsop Parish Christmas Smile 2025

**Christmas Smile returned to Warsop Parish for its eighth year in 2025, and once again the community proved just how generous and kind hearted it can be.**

This year we reached out to schools, children's services, Age UK, and local support groups. We received nominations for 46 families. After working through a few duplicate referrals, we were able to support 39 families through our Family Smiles, helping around 120 children. Alongside this, 11 Individual and Silver Smile nominations were also supported.



We tried something a little different with the Family Smiles this year. As always, gifts were provided for the children along with a small present for parents and guardians. However, instead of organising a full food shop, families received a special treat hamper together with shopping vouchers, allowing them to choose their own Christmas food. It gave families a bit more flexibility and choice at what can be an expensive time of year. Our Individual and Silver Smiles remained unchanged, with recipients receiving a small hamper of Christmas cheer along with a gift.

Behind the scenes, our small team of volunteers worked tirelessly in the run up to Christmas. There was plenty of shopping, sorting, wrapping, packing, and careful organising to make sure everything was ready. Every Smile was prepared with care and delivered by the weekend before Christmas, ready to bring a little festive magic where it was needed most.

As always, Christmas Smile simply would not be possible without the remarkable support we receive each year. We are incredibly grateful to everyone who gives their time, money, and gifts.

Warsop United Charities have become a steadfast supporter over the years, and their contribution has made a genuine difference to how many people we can reach.

Power Solutions in Meden Vale once again gave generous support, and we truly value their continued commitment to the wellbeing of the Parish.

Our thanks also go to our councillors who supported the campaign through their allowances, including County Councillor Andy McCormack and District Councillor Jack Stephenson. Warsop Parish Council provided a grant towards Christmas Smile, supported us during Winterfest, and helped ensure everything was delivered in time for Christmas.



CSR Workshop answered our call for gifts yet again, and Mansfield 103.2 arrived with bags of toys which were very warmly received. We would also like to recognise Warsop Labour Party, who held a fundraising event at The Mint ahead of Christmas. Their support was greatly appreciated.

Christmas Smile continues to be a community effort in the truest sense. It is built on generosity, kindness, and the simple desire to make Christmas a little brighter for others. And as soon as the decorations are packed away, planning quietly begins again we look forward to doing it all again in 2026.

**Our Winterfest took place on 6 December at The Shed, welcoming over 650 people for an evening of free entertainment and activities for children and adults alike.**

It was fantastic to see so many members of the community coming together to celebrate the festive season.

On the night, we collected donations in support of Christmas Smile and Target One. Christmas Smile is a volunteer-led, community initiative that provides presents and treat hampers to families across Church Warsop, Meden Vale, Sookholme, Spion Kop, Warsop and Warsop Vale who need extra support during the Christmas period. Target One supports local groups and activities within the local community, offering young people a safe and enjoyable space to spend time together. Thanks to the generosity of those who attended, we raised over £200 to help these two fantastic causes continue their important work.

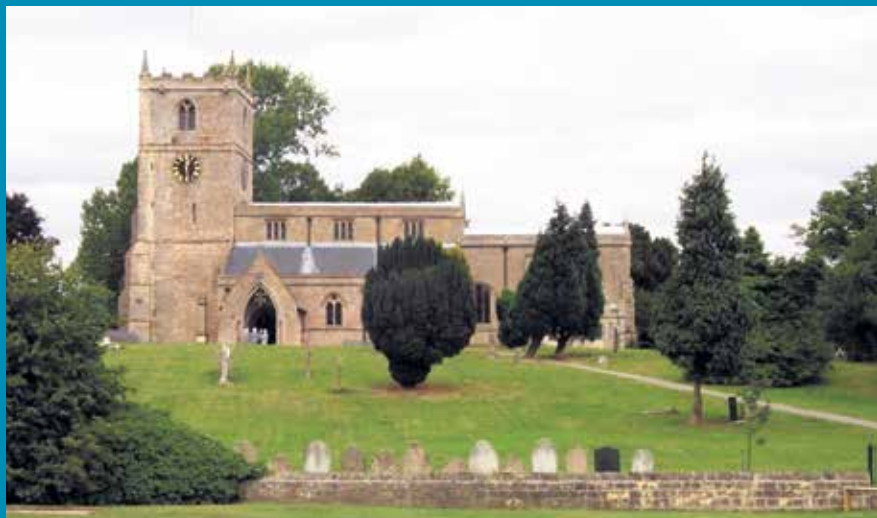
The event featured a fantastic line-up of live performances from Red Ken and Guests, Chris Guy and Laura Wilcoxon, Voices of the Vale, Sherwood Forest Brass Band, and many more, keeping everyone entertained and in festive spirits throughout the evening.

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to everyone who attended, performed, donated, supported our wonderful traders, or helped in any way to make Winterfest such a success. It truly is the community coming together that makes events like this possible, and we are incredibly grateful for the support shown.

We are already planning this year's event and would love to hear your feedback on how we can continue to make these events a success and provide meaningful activities for Warsop. If you have any thoughts to share, or photos from the event, please do get in touch — we would love to hear from you.

**events.coordinator@warsop-pc.gov.uk**





## St Peter & St Paul's

### The Parish Church of Warsop with Sookholme

#### Services in St. Peter & St. Paul's Church Warsop with St. Augustine Sookholme

##### Sunday Morning Worship

St. Peter & St. Paul 10am Holy Communion (Sung)  
St. Augustine Sookholme 11.30am Holy Communion  
1st and 3rd Sundays only

**The Church of St. Peter & St. Paul Warsop**  
is open daily from 9-12noon.

##### Parish Church Office hours:

Tuesday 10.30am - 3pm Thursday 9.30am - 3.30pm

Baptism and wedding bookings by appointment only.

Contact: Parish Administrator:

Email: [office@warsopparishchurch.org.uk](mailto:office@warsopparishchurch.org.uk)

Telephone: 01623 842165

#### Easter Sunday 5th April 2026 Services

10am - St. Peter & St. Paul  
11.30am - St. Augustine Sookholme

#### Parish Church 200 Club

The winning numbers in the Nov 2025 draw at the Stable Barn were:

412

158

429

Places are still available for those who wish to join the 200 club.  
Call Jenny on 01623 842487 for more information.

#### Parish Church 200 Club

The winning numbers in the Dec 2025 draw at the Stable Barn were:

131

255

265

Places are still available for those who wish to join the 200 club.  
Call Jenny on 01623 842487 for more information.

#### Parish Church 200 Club

The winning numbers in the Jan 2026 draw at the Stable Barn were:

153

124

244

Places are still available for those who wish to join the 200 club.  
Call Jenny on 01623 842487 for more information.

#### REGISTERS FOR WARSOP PARISH CHURCH

##### FUNERALS

|               |                   |    |
|---------------|-------------------|----|
| 7th Nov 2025  | Susan Deeming     | 83 |
| 14th Nov 2025 | Raymond Chadburn  | 51 |
| 17th Nov 2025 | John Hobson       | 78 |
| 17th Nov 2025 | June Rhodes       | 94 |
| 18th Nov 2025 | Sean Dangerfield  | 60 |
| 24th Nov 2025 | Glennis Kerry     | 84 |
| 25th Nov 2025 | Glenda Hind       | 89 |
| 26th Nov 2025 | Eric Forster      | 80 |
| 8th Dec 2025  | Margaret Hemstock | 80 |
| 17th Dec 2025 | Frank Hague       | 88 |
| 18th Dec 2025 | Sean Dennett      | 60 |
| 19th Dec 2025 | John Chadburn     | 91 |
| 22nd Dec 2025 | Sylvia Stephenson | 89 |
| 23rd Dec 2025 | John Pepperday    | 75 |
| 6th Jan 2026  | Mark Clayworth    | 63 |
| 21st Jan 2026 | John Watson       | 71 |
| 27th Jan 2026 | George Price      | 86 |
| 27th Jan 2026 | Faith Foster      | 89 |
| 28th Jan 2026 | Alan Moakes       | 86 |
| 29th Jan 2026 | Doreen Mahan      | 86 |

##### WEDDINGS

14th Nov 2025 Matthew Oscroft  
and Micheal Wheat

##### BAPTISMS

18th Jan 2026 Harper Elizabeth Oscroft

## The Warsop and District Grief and Bereavement Friends

### Together We Are Stronger

Please come along for a cuppa, cake and open chat  
with friends.

Want to know more?  
Come and join us for our  
get together..

**Every first Saturday of the Month  
at 9:30am until 11am.**

Meeting monthly every first Saturday of the month.

At  
**The Warsop Library  
High Street, Market Warsop.**

Remember, that whilst grief may seem unbearable and lonely,  
there is hope and positivity within reach. The journey you are on will  
seem less painful with time.

For details or further support please contact:

Independent Celebrant:

Philip Dackombe  
07885614885

[thewelbeckcelebrant@gmail.com](mailto:thewelbeckcelebrant@gmail.com)

Specialist Grief Counsellor:

Sara Clark  
07794315210

[positiveoutlookcounselling@gmail.com](mailto:positiveoutlookcounselling@gmail.com)

District and Parish Councillor:

Jack Stephenson  
07521760332

[jstephenson@mansfield.gov.uk](mailto:jstephenson@mansfield.gov.uk)

## BENEFITS CHECK UP AND ADVICE



Are you on a low income? A parent or carer?  
Are you disabled or have a health condition?  
We can check if you are missing out on any  
benefits or credits, and also help with  
challenging decisions that you may not agree  
with.

### We can help!

Come along for free advice at our drop in  
54, Patchwork Row, Shirebrook. Every  
Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday 9-11:30 and  
1-4pm. Every Thursday and Friday 9-11:30.  
Drop in, no appointment needed or call 01623  
748161



## KEEPING WARSOP ACTIVE



# FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

**2026/2027**  
**Age Groups U8'S TO U11'S**

**5V5 AND 7V7 FORMAT**

**DATE**  
JUNE 28TH 2026

**LOCATION**  
JOHN FRETWELL  
SPORTS COMPLEX  
NG19 8LL

**£40 PER TEAM**

**MORE INFO:**  
[marketwarsopfootballclub@gmail.com](mailto:marketwarsopfootballclub@gmail.com)

**LAST THREE YEARS HAVE SOLD OUT!!  
EARLY BOOKING ADVISED**

## New Chapter Begins for Market Warsop FC

Market Warsop FC recently announced that for the 2026/2027 season, the club will launch its first-ever senior Veterans team for players aged 35 and over.

This marks a historic milestone, as it will also be the first time the club has offered adult men's football, completing the pathway from junior to senior level. When the current team first became involved four years ago, football at the club only ran up to Under-16 level. This was extended to Under-18s last year, and now the club takes its final step into senior football for the very first time.

This achievement reflects the dedication, hard work, and belief of the club's leadership team,

managers, players, parents, and sponsors, who have all played a vital role in the club's continued growth.

This is a proud and significant moment for the club, creating a complete football pathway and an exciting future for players at every stage of their journey.

If any local businesses are interested in sponsoring the Veterans team, please contact [marketwarsopfootballclub@gmail.com](mailto:marketwarsopfootballclub@gmail.com)



**Meden Vale COLTS FC**

**Players wanted for new Walking football teams**  
**For men aged 60+ and ladies aged 45+**

## The Warsop Health Hub

[www.mansfieldleisure.com/warsop-health-hub](http://www.mansfieldleisure.com/warsop-health-hub)

Your local health hub offers classes and activities for everyone, making exercise available to all parts of our community.

- **Disability Swim**  
Tuesday 9.30am (by referral only)
- **Over 60's Swim**  
Tuesday 11am and Wednesday 12pm
- **Low Impact Zumba**  
Monday 9.30am
- **Pilates**  
Monday and Tuesday 6pm and Thursday 10am
- **Aqua Fit**  
Monday 7pm and Wednesday 11.15am
- **Boccia**  
Thursday 12.15pm
- **Bowls**  
Wednesday 11.30am
- **Aqua Zumba**  
Friday 6pm
- **Yoga**  
Tuesday 9.30

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## TARGET 1 CIC & SPORT4KIDZ WHAT'S ON

**MONDAY**  
Target 1 / Youth Club: 5.30 - 6.30pm - Ages 5-11  
Target 1 / Youth Club: 7.00 - 8.00pm - Ages 7-11

**TUESDAY**  
Judo: 6.30 - 8.30pm - Ages 5+

**WEDNESDAY**  
Sport4Kidz Multisports: 5.00 - 6.00pm - Ages 4+  
Fun Football: 6.00 - 6.30pm - Ages 4+

**THURSDAY**  
Sport4Kidz Fun Boxing: 5.00 - 6.00pm - Ages 5+

**FRIDAY**  
Sport4Kidz Scooters & Trikes: 5.00 - 6.00pm - Ages 5+  
Sport4Kidz Nerf Wars: 6.00 - 7.00pm - Ages 5+

**THE SHED, WOOD STREET, NG20 0AX**  
**SPORT4KIDZ.CO.UK**

# WORKING FOR WARSOP:

## Warsop Parish Councillors

### CHAIRPERSON

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**Councillor Grant Simpson,**  
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### County Councillor (and Parish Councillor)

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### District Councillors (and Parish Councillors)

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awetton@mansfield.gov.uk

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aburgin@mansfield.gov.uk

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dhughes@mansfield.gov.uk

**Councillor Jack Stephenson**  
Market Warsop ward  
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jstephenson@mansfield.gov.uk

## Councillor Nadine McGuinness

It may feel like Christmas was a while ago now, but I'm delighted to share that the Council's Winterfest was a great success.

Over 700 people joined us, and it was fantastic to see so many enjoying the event. A heartfelt thank you to all our volunteers and everyone who helped make it happen. We're already looking forward to this year's celebration.

The new year is set to be even busier. Refurbishment work at the Town Hall will begin soon, so the Uniform Support Group will pause while building works take place. Updates will be shared on the Council website when we're ready to reopen.

In March, our refreshed hanging baskets will return to brighten the High Street and Sherwood Street. Although Warsop Carnival is taking a break this year, we'll be supporting it with a fundraising event in May and hope you'll join us to keep our community spirit strong.

I'm also proud to announce that we've been awarded £252,868 from the Mayoral Community Fund. We continue to seek further funding for Warsop

and surrounding areas and will share updates on current bids in March.

Recently, we said goodbye to Cllr Karen Bonsall, who has stepped down as Vice Chair following a move away from Warsop. Karen played a key role in projects such as the hanging baskets, memorial garden and mosaics, maintenance of noticeboards and the Winterfest event. The Parish Council sends Karen a sincere thank you for her dedication, commitment, and outstanding contributions to our community.

We also welcome Cllr Kathy Grubb who was co-opted as Councillor for Warsop Carrs Ward at the March Town Hall Meeting.

I always welcome your feedback. If you would like to get in touch, please contact me at:  
cllr.nadine.mcguinness@warsop-pc.gov.uk  
or our Clerk at:  
clerk@warsop-pc.gov.uk.



## Message from Steve Yemm

As your Member of Parliament, I'm proud to serve residents across Warsop.

It's my job to champion our town on the national stage, and it's important to me that everyone in Mansfield feels represented.

I hold regular surgeries in Warsop to hear from residents about the issues that affect their daily lives, so please don't hesitate to get in touch if there's anything at all I can assist you with.

Email: [steve.yemm.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:steve.yemm.mp@parliament.uk)



## A Fond Farewell

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to Karen Bonsall, who recently stepped down as Vice Chair of Warsop Parish Council.



## Welcome Michelle

Michelle joins Warsop Parish Council as Administrative Assistant

She has a background in Local Government having worked in this area for the last 46 years. During this time, she has worked in various departments including Housing repairs, Finance and HR, progressing to the role of Payroll Team Leader.

## Meeting Schedule 2026

Our monthly full council meetings are a chance for our community to come together, discuss local matters, and have your say.

All meetings take place at Lifespring (Old Town Hall) Church Street, Market Warsop, NG20 0AL from 6.30pm onwards.

### Upcoming Dates

20th April 2026 & 18th May 2026

# UPDATES FROM YOUR COUNCILLORS

## Cllr Nicola Hughes

### A Caring Future at Sycamore and Poplars

**I visited the Sycamore and Poplars Care Home for its open day in February.**

Both closed in December 2024 and despite many negative rumours around the future of the buildings, I was delighted to experience the welcome extended to visitors in the beautifully renovated home.

I was surprised at how tranquil and green the home is, despite being right in Warsop town centre, off the High Street. Much of the home, from the lounge and dining rooms to the bedrooms feels like a cosy small hotel.

With a beautiful conservatory and relaxing library room, both with large windows overlooking the grounds the home is comfortable and calm.

The team offers residential care for people

who need help with daily tasks, nursing care for those who have complex medical needs and dementia care. They also provide respite care, intermediate care and specialist care for those with learning disabilities and mental health conditions.

With over 60 bedrooms, the home offers a warm, supportive environment with a range of activities for residents within the home and celebrates a variety of occasions throughout the year.

I was shown around by one of the managers, Adrian Fedor, who can be contacted on 01623 846446 by anyone "looking for a warm, supportive home for a loved one."



## Cllr Any Burgin

**As part of the rollout of Simpler Recycling, from April 2026 Mansfield District Council will begin collecting additional recyclable materials at the kerbside in your blue bin.**

New items that you will be able to recycle include clean aluminium foil and foil trays, Tetra Pak, and similar liquid cartons. This step is being implemented to make recycling easier, reduce confusion, increase recycling rates, and make it easier to understand what can be put in recycling bins. Glass will still be collected separately from the kerbside for recycling in your glass bin. The Council will be putting out more information about the changes in the coming weeks.

I continue working closely with the Meadfleet Liaison Group, our MP Steve Yemm recently attended one of our meetings to give us an update on the work that the government are doing to address how estate maintenance companies operate, there has been a national consultation which closed on 12th March, we now wait to hear what steps will be taken to put new legislation in place.

I have made a donation from my ward allowance to Target 1 CIC, which will contribute towards their youth club activities, which



provide a safe, supportive environment and positive activities for local young people. Grant and the team do an amazing job, and I hope this small donation helps with the costs of running the youth club.

*Andy Burgin – District Councillor*

## Cllr Karen Hardy

**The last quarter of 2025 was particularly busy, and I was involved in several projects across the Parish.**

November brought the Remembrance Parade and Service at Warsop Church, which I have been helping to organise alongside other groups over the past three years. The way Warsop Parish honours the fallen each year is heartfelt and shows a real appreciation of their sacrifice.

The December edition of Warsop Parish News was another highlight. I helped put the issue together and it featured a focus on my ward, Netherfield. It was wonderful to celebrate the achievements in the area and share them with the community.

Winterfest on 6th December was a highly successful Christmas event, and I enjoyed being part of the day. Later in the month we had Christmas Smile, a community initiative I have supported for more than eight years. It is very close to my heart, helping families enjoy the festive period and bringing smiles to the faces of children across the Parish.

I am grateful to everyone who contributes their time, energy and support to these events. Looking back, it has been a busy and rewarding quarter and I am excited to see what opportunities 2026 will bring.

## Cllr Grant Simpson

**The past few months have been busy and exciting! I've been helping to plan and host the Christmas Winterfest, which saw the largest turnout ever at The Shed.**

A highlight of the event was the new Parish Council snow globe, which proved to be a big hit and promises to be a favourite for years to come.

I was also involved in the Mayor's development funding bid, which the Parish Council successfully secured. This funding will benefit residents of all ages and includes plans to launch an additional youth club night at The Shed—so watch this space for more details!

In addition, I've reached out to Birklands School to invite their school council to take part in a pilot scheme with the Parish Council, giving students the chance to learn about the role of a Councillor and local governance. Work will soon begin at The Shed to carry out much-needed repairs, funded through the Mayor's bid. Any disruption to groups and activities will be kept to a minimum.

## Cllr Andy McCormack

*Warsop Parish & Nottingham County Council*

**Since May, the initial few months have been focused on familiarising myself with the town, mapping key locations, and gaining a clear understanding of local priorities.**

The condition of the roads has been, and continues to be, a primary concern.

Following continued engagement with Via, a new repair schedule has now been issued. In addition, the use of temporary quick-fix repairs will be phased out after this winter, with a greater emphasis on delivering permanent, right-first-time solutions.

Over the past ten months, I have also been pleased to provide donations to support a range of local causes.

Due to the extensive nature of my county responsibilities, I have been able to progress a number of road damage reports. In addition, I have worked to resolve several individual issues affecting local residents.

I am also in the process of arranging regular surgeries in Meden Vale, Church Warsop, and Market Warsop, providing residents with the opportunity to raise concerns, share their views, and discuss local matters directly.

## Cllr Jack Stephenson

**Wishing everyone a very happy – if slightly belated – New Year.**

As we begin to see the first signs of spring, with lighter evenings and (hopefully) warmer days ahead, I'm pleased to share some positive news for our community.

I am delighted that our bid to the East Midlands Combined County Authority through the Mayor's Community Development Fund has been successful. My thanks go to Mayor Claire Ward for supporting local projects that make a tangible difference to communities.

During my election campaign, one of the most frequent issues raised with me was the lack of play provision at Swallows Green Field. I'm therefore especially proud that, working closely with Warsop Parish Council, we have secured funding to move this project forward. This investment will allow us to develop much-needed facilities for local children and families, and I look forward to sharing more details as the plans take shape.

As part of the same funding package, we have also secured vital roof repairs to safeguard the future of our local youth club. Protecting and strengthening spaces for young people is an investment in our whole community, and I'm pleased we've been able to deliver on this.

It was also a real privilege recently to recognise one of our inspiring young residents, Anna Skoropad. I invited Anna to attend a council meeting to share her story of moving to the UK following the outbreak of war in Ukraine. She



spoke movingly about the uncertainty of not knowing if she will ever be able to return home, and about the challenges of learning a new language and adapting to a new culture.

Since settling in Warsop, Anna has embraced community life wholeheartedly. She has taken on leadership responsibilities within Scouts and has achieved success in fencing through Mansfield Fencing Club. Her resilience, determination and commitment to giving back to her community are truly inspiring. Everyone present was deeply moved by her story, which was met with a well-deserved and heartfelt round of applause.

Finally, I would like to remind residents that I hold a monthly councillor surgery at Warsop Library on the first Saturday of each month, from 9.30am to 11.00am. Everyone is welcome to come along, raise concerns, share ideas or simply have a chat. I am always keen to hear your views and work together on the issues that matter most to you.

Thank you for reading.

# KEEPING OUR HISTORY ALIVE

## Warsop's Forest Legacy

Friday 20th February 2026 marked the first Sherwood Forest Day. In Warsop it was marked with the unveiling of plaques on two local venues (see page 3 for details).

Many communities across the historic Sherwood area are unaware that they were once part of the great Sherwood Forest. These plaques recognise and celebrate Warsop's rich history and culture, and the national and international significance of Sherwood Forest and its people.

### The significance of the plaques and Warsop's ties to Sherwood Forest

The boundary of the medieval Sherwood Forest in this area followed the River Meden. This meant that folk in Market Warsop would be subjected to Forest Law whereas people in Church Warsop would not.

### What were the origins of Sherwood Forest?

Some royal forests existed before the Norman Conquest. King Cnut claimed hunting areas for himself, and forest wardens were in place by the time of Edward the Confessor.

It's unclear exactly when Sherwood became a Crown Forest, though a forest keeper is mentioned during the reign of William the Conqueror. The forest was later enlarged by Henry II, Richard I and King John. As well as reserving land for hunting, the Crown

used fines from Forest Law to raise money, particularly to fund foreign wars.

King John's heavy financial demands, especially for his failed campaigns in France, led to civil war and the creation of the Magna Carta. In 1217, the Charter of the Forest built on Magna Carta by reducing the harshest Forest Law penalties and restoring Sherwood's boundaries to their 1154 line. Despite this, local people had already lost many of their traditional rights. In some cases, private hunting rights were granted. For example, John of Lexington was given permission to hunt animals such as fox and hare on land in Warsop.

In 1505, the forest's northern boundary was extended, bringing land north of the River Meden — as far as Worksop Park and Clumber, into Sherwood.

### What happened to the Crown's ownership of Sherwood Forest?

From the 17th century onwards, large areas of northern Sherwood passed from the Crown into the hands of powerful aristocratic families. These included the Duke of Newcastle (later the Dukes of Portland) at Welbeck Abbey and the Duke of Kingston (later the Earls Manvers) at Thoresby.



## Generations Served, Memories Remain

On 29 January, Wetton's Butchers closed its doors for the final time, marking the end of a much-loved local business and a familiar presence in Warsop's town centre.

Established in 1951, Wetton's has been a cornerstone of the community for generations, serving local families with care, quality, and a friendly face behind the counter.

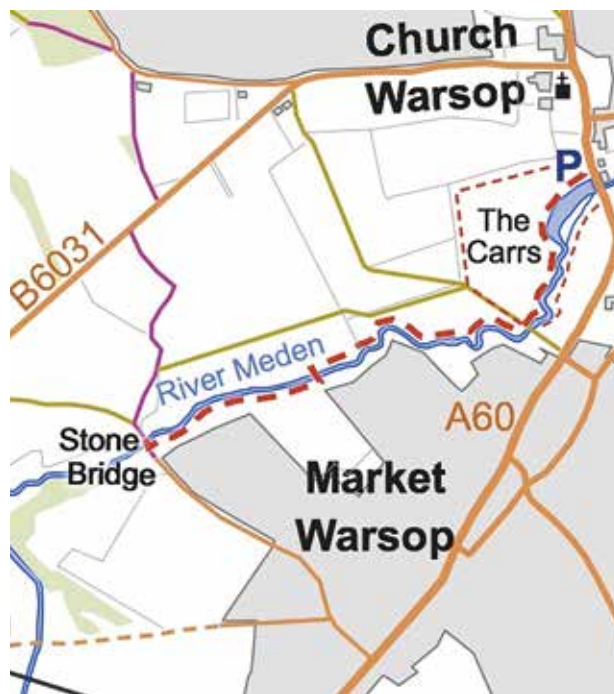
The closure brings to an end a proud family legacy begun by James Edward Wetton, passed down to James Barry, and most recently to Andy Wetton, who has continued the tradition with dedication and commitment. For many residents, Wetton's was more than just a shop — it was a place of conversation, routine, and connection, woven into everyday life in Warsop.

We wish Andy a very happy and well-deserved retirement and extend our sincere thanks to him and the wider Wetton family for their outstanding contribution to the Warsop community over the past 75 years. Their presence will be greatly missed, but their legacy will long be remembered.



## Boundary Walks

Two walks along Sherwood Forest's ancient boundary.



### Walk 1)

#### A walk along Warsop's mill dam and Stone Bridge

The Carrs car park is reached from the A60, opposite the mill. From the car park next to the mill dam follow the riverside paths to Stone Bridge, crossing the river at the second bridge. Return by the same route or explore the other paths in the area.

The distance between the car park and Stone Bridge is almost 1 mile.

Unfortunately, Stone Bridge is no longer built from stone, but the replacement bridge gives fine views upstream over the Hills & Holes Site of Special Scientific Interest. If you are lucky, you may spot a kingfisher or a water vole along this section of the river.

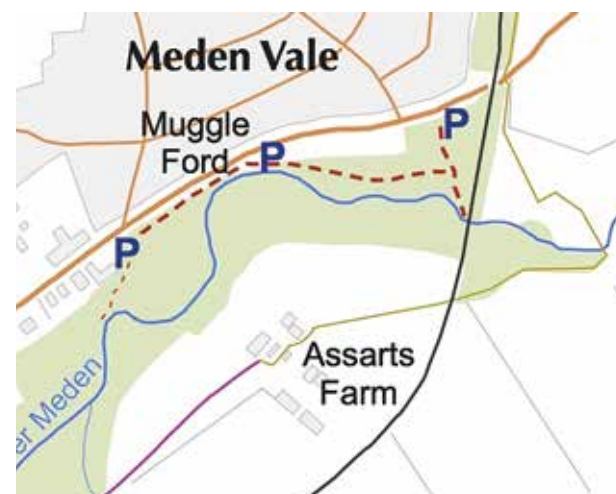
### Walk 2)

#### A short walk around Meden Vale's local nature reserve past natural stretches of the River Meden.

The Bottoms is reached from the road between Church Warsop and Buddy. The car parks are between the village of Meden Vale and the River Meden. The best car park for this walk is near to the bridge beneath the former railway line.

Follow the mown paths to reach sections of the meandering river.

This walk around this part of The Bottoms is less than a mile in length. These paths can be muddy following wet weather. Muggle Ford is an ancient river crossing named on old maps.



The Bottoms Local Nature Reserve contains wet deciduous woodland with good riverside habitats along the River Meden which runs through the reserve. Birds that may be seen along the river include the Kingfisher.

Steve Horne  
Warsop Footpaths & Countryside Group

Mrs Pat Nuttall would like to thank family and friends for their cards, gifts and messages during her recent stay in hospital. Thanks go to Doctors and Nurses on the High Dependency Unit and Simpson Ward at Kings Mill for their care and attention.

**Thank you.**

The donations received went to the C D L S Foundation.

## Paddy and I

Many thanks, Marion Palfrey

Special thanks to Beryl and Eric, Julie and He

Donations amount to \$100,000. The Fire Service and the Fire Service Association of the United States have donated \$50,000. The Fire Service Association of the United States has donated \$50,000. The Fire Service Association of the United States has donated \$50,000.

Love from Sheila and family.

## LOCAL HEROES



... Mr. John Smith (head master/teacher), Jack Sadler, Liam Donohue, ...  
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Earlands Junior School won 2-1 in a superb game against Ryelands Middle School from Northamptonshire which were the southern region winners.

Patients will use the area for valuable practice in walking on varied surfaces in the new garden including grassed areas, paving and gravel. This will be integrated into the landscaped area along

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If you would like to co-ordinate an activity on any of our parks please contact Jane Hicken, Parks Development Officer, Telephone: 01623 463245.

## 463021 or e-mail: public





**WE NEED YOU!**

We're looking for enthusiastic volunteers to help with community activities in Warsop. Whether you can spare a few hours or want to get more involved, your time and skills will make a real difference.

Get involved, meet new people, and help our community thrive!

Email us at [events-coordinator@warsop-pc.gov.uk](mailto:events-coordinator@warsop-pc.gov.uk) or pop in and see us at LifeSpring (Warsop Town Hall)

# The rise and fall of Charlie Maggg -

Read at Warsop Writers' group 11/3/2025

Lithe and muscular, Charlie Maggs was a loner, a night time assassin who, as silent as darkness itself, walked the shadows of seedy buildings that squatted along the length of London's east end dockside. In the lawlessness typifying the underworld where Charlie Maggs stalked his prey, his skill was unparalleled; a split second to snap a neck, that's all it took. Feared and ruthless, Charlie Maggs was a legend among his own kind, and he knew it. From time to time others tried to hone in on his territory but he dealt with them. He was strong, unassailable and knew where to hide the bodies.

It was one wintry night in January that his consummate, arrogant self-belief took a serious knock. Charlie Maggs had stalked his victim for about half an hour and when he thought the time was right he pounced, but failed to make a clean kill, his once razor sharp reflexes had let him down. Over the next few nights the same thing happened and it was only a matter of time before his growing fallibility would be sensed by others. This supreme hunter of the night became the hunted, looking over his shoulder, growing wary of young bucks lining up to take his crown, but he'd seen them off before and he'd do it again. Charlie Maggs wouldn't let them win, he was not the sort of guy to roll over and surrender at the first sign of trouble. When you've been ahead of the game for so long, capitulation isn't an option. Charlie Maggs was a strutting street fighter; if

he was going down he'd take as many with him as he could.

The underworld thrives on stories of bravado and 'back to the wall' heroism and the night that Charlie Maggs met his nemesis is one such story. It is told, re told and embroidered by those who occupy the smelly, unsavoury places where decent law abiding folk never go. It is a story with a difference because Charlie Maggs, the master killer, had been taken out by a female.

Aveline Birch was a plain sort of a girl, some would say unattractive. No one had paid any real heed to her. Killing, once the preserve of young, ambitious males, had been infiltrated by the sisterhood, whose instinct for plotting the downfall of their male rivals had given them the edge. In her anonymity Aveline Birch had honed her killing skills. Night after night, in the darkness, her sharp eyes watched, she learned from Charlie Maggs, then using his own techniques she took him near to death. It was an epic struggle but the outcome was never in doubt.

Eventually, Charlie Maggs recovered, but his scarred face would remain as a permanent reminder of the night Aveline Birch stole his crown. He never returned to his night time haunts. Now he sits on a park bench purring and dreaming of past-times when he was truly the top cat in the neighbourhood.

## Peter Birchenall

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[events.coordinator@warsop-pc.gov.uk](mailto:events.coordinator@warsop-pc.gov.uk) and you may just see it in the next issue!

## From Promise to Progress: Warsop Parish Council in Review

Over the past financial year, Warsop Parish Council has continued working hard on behalf of residents across the parish. From community events and environmental improvements to supporting local services and representing residents' concerns, here is a snapshot of what has been achieved - made possible in part through your parish precept, community partnerships and volunteers.



### Enhancing Our Community Spaces

A new memorial garden was unveiled at the rear of Warsop Library, including a memorial bench in honour of former Councillor G. Morris.

The Meden Mosaics near the Library were rediscovered and cleaned, restoring an important local feature for everyone to enjoy.

### Brightening the Parish

In partnership with Vibrant Warsop's gardening group, the Council supported the assembly and installation of 40 hanging baskets across the town centre, helping to create a welcoming and attractive environment for residents and visitors.

### Supporting Residents

The annual Hygiene Poverty campaign was delivered once again, providing practical support to those in need. The Council also continues to fund the Citizens Advice Bureau weekly drop-in service at LifeSpring, offering vital advice and support to local people.

### Community Events

The Council organised the 2025 Remembrance Service, including road closures and equipment, and delivered the Winterfest community event, bringing residents together during the festive season. We funded the Christmas lights in the parish and paid for the Christmas Tree on the High Street.

### Maintaining Local Facilities

Ongoing grounds maintenance has been carried out at St Peter and St Paul Churchyard, including significant tree works to ensure safety and preservation of this beautiful site. The Council also maintains 12 noticeboards across the parish and funds the upkeep of public toilets and the High Street car park - much needed free facilities for residents and visitors.

### Representing Residents' Voices

Councillors have continued to raise residents' concerns with relevant authorities, including issues relating to road safety, potholes, planning applications and the Burns Lane closure proposal. We have submitted 3 grant applications to bring funding into the Parish (including the successful bid for funding from the Mayors Community Development Fund) - this will enhance open spaces and help with development and maintenance of youth provision with the addition of more community grants.

### Improving Communication and Governance

A new parish website has been launched and a Facebook page set up, improving accessibility and transparency. The Council also established new committees to strengthen financial oversight and governance, introduced updated policies and procedures, and expanded communication through regular newsletters and social media to keep residents informed.

### Supporting Local Organisations

Grants were awarded to a range of community groups and initiatives, helping to support local activities and services across the parish. Warsop Carnival, Warsop Christmas Smile, Meden Vale Colts etc.

### Investing in Services and Staffing

The Council continues to fund facilities at LifeSpring (Old Town Hall), providing a base for council services and supporting community use of the building.

During the year, staffing arrangements were strengthened with new appointments and training for both staff and councillors was delivered.

The precept funds insurance for the Parish Council's assets and equipment - including the War Memorial, car park and office and pays for subscriptions and services such as ICO, NALC, Accounting software, auditors.

### Looking Ahead

The Council remains committed to improving services, supporting community initiatives and delivering events that bring people together. Plans are already underway for further activities and improvements in the coming year.

Thank you to all residents, volunteers and community partners who help make Warsop a wonderful place to live.

## Calling all Budding Artists

Do you have a creative flair you'd love to share?

Whether it's art, writing, poetry, photography, or another passion, we'd love to showcase your talent.

Send your work to: [events.coordinator@warsop-pc.gov.uk](mailto:events.coordinator@warsop-pc.gov.uk) and you might just see it featured in our next issue!

## We Want to Hear From You!

Your views matter. Whether we're getting things right or there are areas where we could do better, the Parish Council can't serve the community without your input and support.

We want to know what matters most to you and what you want from your Parish Council. Get in touch, share your ideas, or tell us how we can improve - together, we can make our community even stronger.

Pop in and see us at LifeSpring (Warsop Town Hall) during opening hours, or email: [clerk@warsop-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@warsop-pc.gov.uk)

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## LET'S GET GROWING!

### JOIN THE WARSOP SUNFLOWER CHALLENGE!

Spring is here, and it's time to grow some smiles! We're giving away free potted sunflower seeds to anyone in Warsop who wants to join our sunflower-growing challenge. Plant them in your garden in April, nurture them, and see how tall they grow!

### How to Get Involved

Collect your free pre-potted sunflower seeds from one of the following spots...

- Lifespring (Warsop Town Hall) 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> April between 9.00am - 1.00pm
- Vibrant Warsop (Portland Street) from 6<sup>th</sup> April

Plant your seeds in April and care for your sunflower as it grows.

Share your progress with us on Facebook by tagging Warsop Parish Council and posting photos using #WarsopSunflowerChallenge

Keep us updated throughout the summer – we love seeing your growing efforts!

### We're giving out prizes for the tallest sunflower and biggest sunflower head

To take part, simply take a photo of your sunflower. For the widest head, show a tape measure showing the width of head (including petals) in cm, and for the tallest sunflower, measure from the base of the sunflower stem, to the top of the petals.

Send your pictures to us via email at [events.coordinator@warsop-pc.gov.uk](mailto:events.coordinator@warsop-pc.gov.uk)

Entry closes at 12.00pm on 31<sup>st</sup> August 2026. We'll announce the winner on the Warsop Parish Council Facebook page and website the following week

### Friendly reminders

- This is open to everyone in the Warsop community.
- Please only submit plants grown from the seeds we provide.
- Be safe while gardening. Adult supervision is recommended for children.
- The judges' decision on the winners is final
- Full terms and conditions available at [www.warsop-pc.gov.uk/news/warsop-sunflower-challenge](http://www.warsop-pc.gov.uk/news/warsop-sunflower-challenge)

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