



## WELCOME TO OUR NEW NEWSLETTER!

Welcome to the first edition of our Newsletter. A key result from the [Residents' Survey](#) carried out earlier this year was that you wanted us to improve on how we communicate what we do and we hope that this newsletter is a useful start in achieving that. Our aim is to provide you with news and information about the work of the Parish Council and to let you know about events and activities we deliver or are involved in.

If you would like to hear from us regularly, **sign up to our mailing list [here](#)** to receive future Newsletters, including upcoming events. Please be assured that your email address will only be used for this purpose. You may also sign up to our mailing list via the website.

November and December are always busy months for the Parish Council. **Budgets** for next year are being planned and we will be finalising our "**Forward Look 2025 – 2030**" which is part Parish Plan, part business plan, for the next five years, taking into account the results of the Residents' Survey.

**Remembrance** Services were once again held at Narborough Cemetery and Littlethorpe Square and were well supported. Each year the 84<sup>th</sup> Leicester (Littlethorpe) Scout Group form a parade from Littlethorpe Village Hall through to The Square, read out the names of the fallen on the war memorial and place crosses beneath it. It was lovely to see so many join in these special community events.



War Memorial, Narborough

We are getting ready for **Christmas** with motifs on lighting columns in the central areas of The Pastures, Narborough Village and Littlethorpe. We change the motifs each year to provide a fresh look and we will also be trialling an alternative scheme of flood lights in the trees at the Library for Christmas 2024. Unfortunately we have been unable to resolve some of the technical issues with tree lights experienced in previous years and therefore hope that you will enjoy this alternative approach. The results of the Residents' Survey highlighted our Christmas lighting schemes as an important feature, so we will continue to develop these where we can. We also take a pride in decorating the Parish Centre and Littlethorpe Village Hall for Christmas, with lights, window decals and traditional Christmas trees.

Over recent weeks our staff have been busy installing new roadside **noticeboards** across the Parish, from monies secured from the County Council Members' Highways Fund. Unfortunately the Station Road noticeboard was vandalised twice soon after installation but this has now been repaired and reinstated. The new noticeboards provide space for community groups to advertise events, alongside Parish Council agendas and information about classes and groups held at the Parish Centre and Littlethorpe Village Hall, both of which are managed by the Parish Council.



Parish Centre Main Hall



Parish Centre Studio

If you wish to hire the Parish Centre or Littlethorpe Village Hall, please take a look at [Halls for Hire](#) on our website, where there is lots of information about what we have to offer, together with a booking form.

Over the summer months we commenced much-needed refurbishment works on **Littlethorpe Village Hall**. Phase One has now been completed and includes the widening of the front entrance doors and the reconfiguration of the toilet block to include an accessible toilet with baby changing facilities. Phase Two is in the pipeline for next year when the external cladding and toilet windows will be replaced, in addition to more internal improvements to make the hall more accessible. We hope that this improved accessibility will open up the Village Hall to more users and will keep you updated on progress.



New front/internal doors

New accessible toilet

Following on from the very successful **Murder Mystery Evening** held in support of Narborough Library at the Parish Centre on 27<sup>th</sup> September, we will be planning another fundraising event in 2025. Please watch out for details in our future newsletters, on our website and social media pages.

We will be holding a **Valentine's Tea Dance** from 2.00 pm – 5.00 pm at the Parish Centre on **Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2025** and tickets will be on sale early in January. Please save the date if you enjoy a whirl around the dance floor, or you may just want to come along to enjoy the music and the company. Tea, coffee and alcoholic drinks will be on sale, together with a selection of cakes. Tickets are limited so watch out for them going on sale, or sign up to our mailing list so that you get a reminder of upcoming events.

Later on next year, we are planning a **Family Event on Narborough Park** on **Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2025**, where there will be live music, fun and games for the children and plenty of food, drink and ice cream. A day of fun for all the family – fingers crossed that the weather is kind to us!

We will also be holding our popular **Halloween Discos in 2025**, which were once again sold out this year. Timings and ticket sales will be communicated via our social media page, the website and future Newsletters.

If you want to know a little more about the **work of the Parish Council**, head on over to our [website](#). There is lots of information about what we do, as well as a [What's On](#) calendar for all the **regular classes and activities** held at the Parish Centre and Littlethorpe Village Hall. The calendar is a great way to see what is going on at our venues, and if there is something of interest to you, just make contact instructor/group via the details provided.

We have recently introduced an **App** for our website users so that content can easily be viewed on mobile devices. All you need to do is download the Parish & Town Councils app from the App Store on your mobile phone and select "Narborough Parish Council".



Our **Council Meetings** are held at 7.30 pm every third Tuesday of the month at the Parish Centre and you are very welcome to attend. If you have an item you wish to raise, you can do this during the Public Forum item on the Agenda. Even if you do not have a specific concern, please come along and see what the Parish Council is all about.

The work of the Parish Council is very varied, covering a wide range of topics and we currently have 14 [Parish Councillors](#) who make the decisions which are then delivered by our staffing team. Details of all your Councillors are on the website.

Our **Staffing Team** comprises a full time Clerk, Deputy Clerk and part time Administrator. We have two full time grounds staff and a team of part time caretakers. The Parish Office is open to visitors and telephone calls between 9.30 am and 12.30 pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and is closed on Wednesdays, however we are always happy to make an appointment out of hours if that helps. More to follow in future Newsletters about your staffing team and what they do.

#### The Parish Office Christmas opening hours are:

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2024 9.30 am – 12.30 pm  
24<sup>th</sup> December to 1<sup>st</sup> January 2025 Closed  
Normal opening hours resume from 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2025



**On behalf of all our Councillors and Staff, we would like to take the opportunity to wish our readers a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year**