

# HEIGHINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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What we've achieved in  
the last year....2024-25



# OUR COUNCIL

Achieved the Local Council Award at Foundation level, run by National Association of Local Councils.

Great reports from our internal and external audits for 2023-24.

Goodbye to Jacki Rushby (5 and a half years on the council).

Welcome to our new councillor – Debbie Yeates.

Sad goodbye to friend and colleague Denis.

Welcome to Mark, who's a great addition to the team.



Heighington Parish Council

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Keith Stewart', written over a horizontal line.

NALC Chair

08/2024  
start date  
08/2028  
valid until

The Foundation Award demonstrates that a council meets the minimum requirements for operating lawfully and according to standard practice.



# COMMUNITY EVENTS

Once again, we ran a number of free community events for children, which are all well supported.

These included:

Hoolahoop Megastructure workshop.

Halloween workshop making spooky lanterns and decorations.

Circus workshop.

Pre-school workshop featuring vegetable critters and bubbles.





## COMMUNITY EVENTS

The Olympics came to Heighington!

We took part in the village scarecrow festival, in conjunction with Branston and Washingborough parish councils.

We organised a Summer Sporting Day at Station Road. This was run by GLL and gave children the opportunity to try out a number of sports, including bowling (courtesy of Heighington Bowls Club).



## FESTIVE TEA & CAKE

Our annual Festive Tea was well supported and well received by residents. Everyone got in the festive spirit.

Branston & District u3a ukulele band came back and got everyone singing.

Our thanks go once again to AF Blakemore & Son Ltd/Spar for their generous donations and for the support of all the volunteers.



# KNITTED POPPIES

Remembrance Sunday was again commemorated with the knitted poppies

# A TREE FOR ALL SEASONS

Council was happy to support A Good Yarn and their amazing, knitted Christmas Tree.

This has now become 'A Tree For All Seasons' and will be wearing a new coat each season.

Look out for its next 'new coat'.



# MORE EVENTS TO COME

7<sup>th</sup> May - VE80 tea

June - Pre-school bubble workshop, veg critters & balloons

August - Hoolahoop Megastructure workshop

October - Halloween workshop

December - Festive Tea

February - Circus workshop



## Anniversary Tea

**Wed 7th May 2025**

**Jubilee Hall**

**11am-1pm**



Heighington Parish Council would like to invite residents to celebrate  
VE 80 Day at a **FREE** drop-in  
Anniversary Tea in Jubilee Hall.  
Come join us for some tea, cake  
and 1940s music!



We had a bracket specially fabricated, and plaque made to commemorate the old flagpole as a proud part of Heighington's heritage.

OLD FLAGPOLE TOP

# BOOK SWAP

The book swap continues to be well supported.

We've recently acquired a new bookcase to help keep the area tidy.

Could we ask that any donations of books are taken to the Parish Office and not left in the foyer (or outside!).

Preferably paperbacks and fiction only.



# SPEEDING AND TRAFFIC

A new solar powered speed sign was finally installed on Washingborough Road, after some delays getting the pole in place.

Battery powered speed sign now alternated between Fen Road and Potterhanworth Road

We still need more volunteers interested in starting up a Community Speedwatch group to get this off the ground.



# TREE PLANTING

Free hedgerow trees planted at Potterhanworth Road.

10 free fruit trees planted at Potterhanworth Road.

Free Whitebeam, celebrating 50 years of NKDC, planted at Station Road.

Wildflower seed bombing planned for the autumn, with help from Brownies.

Further tree planting opportunities to be considered.





## COMMUNITY LITTER PICK

At our Community Litter Picks in June and November, volunteers collected a total of 15 bags of rubbish from around the village.

We also held a litter pick on 27th April. 6 bags of rubbish were collected.

We're also lucky to have our regular volunteer community litter picker. In 2024 alone he collected 24.5 large bags of rubbish from around the village and generously donated just under 28 hours of his time to do this.



## BINS & BENCHES

A number of old bins have been replaced and more have just been purchased and await installation.

These are 'dual use' bins that can be used for dog waste in addition to general litter.

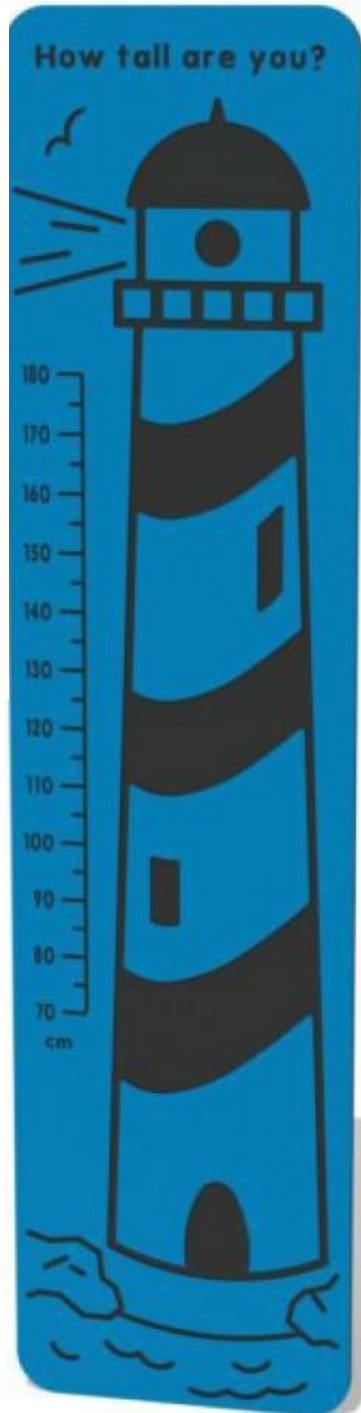
Two new benches have been installed at Potterhanworth Road, following a request from dog walkers.

# PLAY AREAS

Our ongoing maintenance programme saw repair of some safety surfaces, and replacement of various chains, and hand grips.

New sensory boards and a 'How tall are you' panel have been purchased for Station Road play area, and we're just awaiting delivery and installation.

NKDC have now confirmed they are looking at renewal of the lease for the Almond Avenue play area.





## *Preparing for Emergencies*

Heighington Parish Council  
Community Emergency Plan

Version: 2

# FLOODING

Public meeting held as part of LCC investigation into flooding in Heighington.

LCC Section 19 flooding report published.

Hydrologist's report due out any time.

Groundwater sensors installed, providing real-time information.

Working with the Lincolnshire Resilience Forum, we now have our Emergency Plan and Emergency Team in place.



## GRANTS AWARDED

Garrett's Charity - £900 to fund repair of boundary wall of the Memorial Garden.

HBW United - £432 to fund F.A. training for three coaches for new Under 9 football team.

Heighington WI - £177.12 to support provision of a Streetwise Defence training event for women and girls.

A photograph of a person's hands holding a white rectangular sign. The sign has the words "YOUR FEEDBACK MATTERS!" printed in a bold, red, sans-serif font. The background of the photo shows a wooden floor.

**YOUR  
FEEDBACK  
MATTERS!**

A solid brown rectangular block with the word "FEEDBACK" centered in a white, bold, sans-serif font.

**FEEDBACK**

Please put forward any suggestions or ideas.

The Parish Office is open  
Monday – Thursday, 9:00 –  
13:00.

If you have any burning  
issues, please contact us and  
we'll try to help.

Reminder that parishioners  
are welcome to attend our  
council meetings (15-minute  
public participation session  
at the start of each  
meeting).