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Fernwood Gazette



Thanks to Geoff Bowers for this photograph taken in Fernwood

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Fernwood Parish Council

Welcome to the March issue of the Fernwood Gazette. This issue of the village magazine is a month earlier than usual because there are local elections on May 4th this year. We are mindful of pre-election period, previously known as 'purdah', which is the period of time immediately before elections when specific restrictions on communications activity are in place.

If you are not registered to vote, you still have time. To register to vote online, you need just five minutes and your National Insurance number – visit www.gov.uk. The other thing to note for these elections is that photo ID will be required for you to vote. The electoral commission website has information on forms of ID that will be accepted: www.electoralcommission.org.uk

There will be District Council and Parish Council elections in May. Two out of the three current District Councillors have let us know that they do not intend to stand: Councillors Keith and Ivor Walker have represented Fernwood as District Councillors since Fernwood Parish Council was formed in 2008. We thank them for all the support they have given Fernwood over the years; in particular Keith who also served as our County Councillor until 2021, working closely with the Parish Council to try to resolve issues affecting our parish.

Should you wish to stand for Fernwood Parish Council or Newark and Sherwood District Council, visit Newark and Sherwood District Council's website www.newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk or contact their Electoral Services team by emailing voting@newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk. If you would like to become a Parish Councillor you are welcome to get in touch with Marion, our Parish Clerk to talk about what is involved. Equally, we encourage you to attend our meetings to see the work of the Council.

On pages 4 and 5, there is a summary of what the Parish Council has delivered over the last year. It is impossible to include everything, but the work of the Parish Council can be followed through our minutes and agendas on our website. We try to be as transparent as possible, with draft minutes published within a week of our meetings. Sometimes progress can be slower than we would like, but I can assure you, the Parish Council is working hard on behalf of the residents we serve. Details of all Councillors can be found on page 35.

Parish Council meetings are held on the third Monday of each month — Everyone is welcome to come.

Barry Smith, Chairman of Fernwood Parish Council

How we keep you informed

Our website, www.fernwood-pc.co.uk, has all our agendas and minutes so everyone can keep up to date about what the Council is working on and decisions the Council has made/is due to make. The website has lots of information on the Council's work and is the best port of call to find out about Fernwood Parish Council. We also have a Facebook page that you can follow for regular updates on the Council's work.

We produce the Fernwood Gazette twice a year and this is delivered to every household and business in the parish.

Our minutes and agendas are posted on our noticeboards which are on the side of the village hall and on Goldstraw Lane, opposite the tower. Residents are always welcome to come into the Parish Council office in the village hall if they have any queries. Last but not least, our meetings are open to residents and we always have a public forum at the beginning of each one.

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Parish Council/ Village Hall Office Opening Times & Contact Details

The office, which is situated in Fernwood Village Hall, is open from Tuesday to Thursday from 10am to 1pm and on Mondays and Fridays from 10am –12pm. Occasionally the office may be closed for staff training/holidays – our website and Facebook pages will always be kept updated.

Address: Fernwood Parish Council, Fernwood Village Hall, Ruby's Avenue, Fernwood, NG24 3RS

Email office@fernwood-pc.co.uk

Telephone: 01636 613024

Fernwood Parish Council

Parish Council activity over the last year

Fernwood Parish Council took ownership of Fernwood Village Hall in January 2022. Until then the village hall had been the property of Newark and Sherwood District Council although the parish council had been managing the building.

Fernwood Youth Club opened its doors on Friday evenings from April 2022. The club is open to young people in year 6 to year 11.

In May, Fernwood Parish Council took ownership of the woodland behind Fernwood Day Nursery. This area is now looked after to a good standard, with streetlamps having been repaired, essential tree work completed, a wonderful wood carving and community events held/due to be held.

We also met with the local MP, Robert Jenrick, in May to remind him that legislation is required to give freeholders rights in managed estates. This is something the Council is keen to address.

In June, we held a Platinum Jubilee Celebration with live music, free entertainment, and fireworks – the event was a great success. Thanks go out to all our volunteers who worked with the Parish Council to make this happen. Also, many thanks to the local businesses and residents who were understanding of our need to close Rubys Avenue to keep event attendees safe.

In July, we carried out a consultation on Crime and Fear of Crime and identified the need for CCTV down Rubys Walk and over the playing field. We have requested to join the CCTV partnership that N&SDC are members of so these cameras can centrally managed and footage accessed easily should the police need evidence.



Fernwood Parish Council

Parish Council activity over the last year continued

In the summer holidays, we commissioned summer play sessions at the village hall. These were well attended and enjoyed by all.

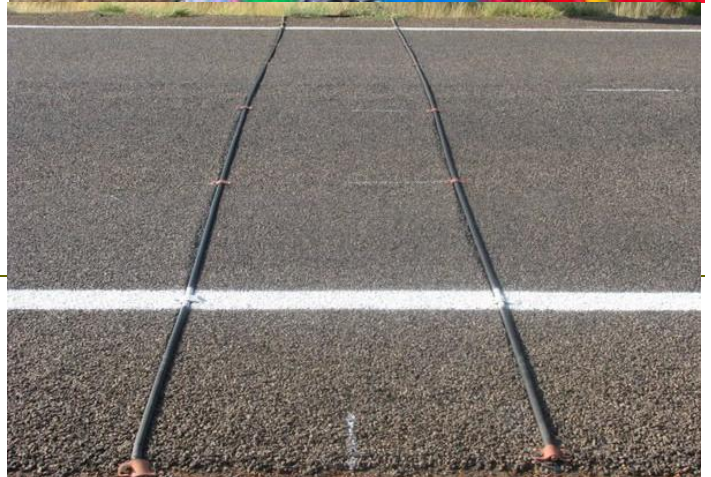
In October, we conducted an online survey regarding Hollowdyke Lane. We commissioned speed measuring tubes in January 2023 to assess speeds that vehicles travel at following concerns being raised that vehicles were travelling too fast on the road with school children and dog walkers crossing/walking up the road. The Council has requested a 30mph compulsory speed limit based on the results which indicated 88% of vehicles are not following the 20mph advisory speed limit and 50% of traffic is travelling at over 30 miles per hour on the lane.

In November, we persuaded Nottinghamshire County Council to allow the Parish Council to pay for an interactive speed sign on Dale Way.

Although the data collected by Via East Midlands in May 2022, showed that the average speed on Dale Way and Goldstraw Lane was below the speed limit of 30mph, there were some drivers who were driving above the speed limit* and in order to remind them, we will be having an interactive sign installed on Dale Way .

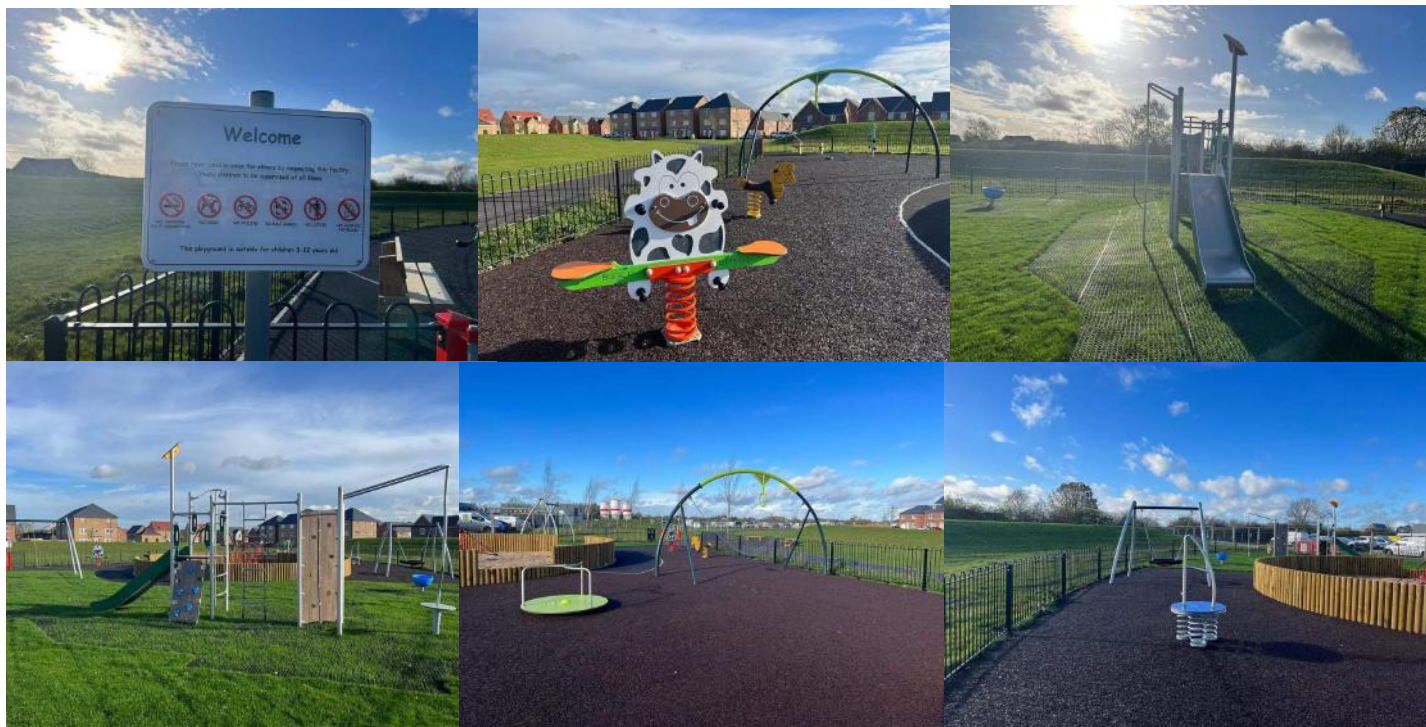
*50 cars were recorded breaking the speed limit on Dale Way in one week.

Throughout the year we met and liaised with landowners, local developers and local authorities serving our parish to ensure issues are resolved in the parish and so that we can keep residents up to date. These include Allison Homes, Barratt David Wilson Homes, British Gypsum (Bantycok Quarry), Newark & Sherwood District Council including planning enforcement, Nottinghamshire County Council, Safer Neighbourhood Group and Welcome Break .



New Play Park in Fernwood

In November last year, Phoenix Park opened. The park, which is off Phoenix Lane, is currently owned and managed by Barratt David Wilson Homes. The longer term plan is for ownership and management of the park, in addition to other open spaces in the new development, to be handed over to Fernwood Parish Council. In the meantime, queries regarding the park can be sent to the Parish Council as we are in regular contact with the developer.



Gritting and Grit Bins

Fernwood Parish Council owns and maintains five grit bins in the parish. These are blue and are located on the following streets:

1. Blackberry Way
2. Dale Crescent
3. Hunters Road, next to the school entrance
4. Phoenix Lane (Thank you for Barratt David Wilson Homes for agreeing to pay for this).
5. Young's Avenue

If you believe it would be beneficial to install a new bin or if you spot an issue with one of the bins, email office@fernwood-pc.co.uk or call 01636 613024.



Yellow grit bins are owned and maintained by Nottinghamshire County Council. Goldstraw Lane and Dale Way are on their gritting route.



Introduction

In January this year, Fernwood Parish Council adopted a Community Infrastructure Levy Policy. Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) is the way Newark and Sherwood District Council (N&SDC) collect financial contributions from developers to help pay for new and improved infrastructure. It is calculated on a pounds (£) per square metre basis of new development.

CIL regulations require N&SDC to pass a proportion of CIL funds raised in developments in the Fernwood Parish to Fernwood Parish Council. Due to the work carried out by the Parish Council, to ensure that Fernwood has a neighbourhood plan in place, Fernwood receives a larger proportion of CIL - 25%, uncapped.

Guidance on CIL is available at Community Infrastructure Levy at www.gov.uk . By law, CIL money must be spent on the provision, improvement, replacement, operation, or maintenance of infrastructure needed to support development.

Fernwood Parish Council has received £1,216,274 of CIL up to 31st December 2022. With thousands more houses due to be built in the parish over the next 10 years, it is projected that the Council will receive over £600,000 more of CIL from the Barratt David Wilson Homes (BDWH) and Allison Homes (AH) developments. These figures do not consider the CIL that the Parish Council will receive from the Persimmon Homes development.

What CIL has been used for

So far CIL has been used for relatively small projects such as the woodland purchase (see page 16) and all related costs, new/replacement dog bins, a coat of arms for the parish, Village Hall transfer legal costs, Village Hall improvements, Youth Club provision and Dale Crescent green – shrubbery and gym equipment replacement.

What we plan to use some of the CIL for

Further expenditure has been earmarked for the following projects:

- **CCTV** over the Fernwood central park and on Rubys Walk (through the N&SDC CCTV partnership)
- Dale green – **replacement of gym equipment**
- **Interactive speed camera** on Dale Way
- **Legal agreements** for the land transfer/maintenance of open spaces/community facilities in new developments.
- **Maintenance/provisions** in the new developments.
- **Replacement/enhancement of Fernwood central play park**
- **Welcome to signage** on the edges of the parish
- **Village Hall extension**
- **Costall Woods** maintenance, signage, and development of a wildlife garden behind Marron Court

Other possible uses for CIL

a. **Hollowdyke Lane** The Council will be considering whether to use CIL to pay for feasibility studies and research to enable the council to see whether it would be possible to keep Hollowdyke Lane open at the Balderton end. The Council will consult with residents regarding this.

b. **Parking issues on Goldstraw Lane** The Council could consider using CIL to pay for a study on what can be done to ease parking issues on Goldstraw Lane.

Fernwood Parish Council welcomes suggestions from residents of Fernwood - we encourage you to get in touch if you would like to make a suggestion.

Grants

Grants of up to £5,000 are available to Community Groups and other organisations to enhance their work. For the Council's grant policy and application form – visit www.fernwood-pc.co.uk



Fernwood Parish Council is committed to using CIL for the benefit of the community.

Residents are invited to feedback on the Council's plans for use of Community Infrastructure Levy and submit any other ideas they feel would benefit the Parish of Fernwood.

Our online survey can be completed at: <https://forms.gle/u4XMkjVbUctZpd3v9>

There is a link for this on the home page of the Parish Council website: www.fernwood-pc.co.uk

Alternatively email: feedback@fernwood-pc.co.uk to share your thoughts or post a note in the Fernwood Village Hall post box.

!! SAVE THE DATE !!

SUNDAY 27 AUGUST 2023



COMMUNITY



EVENT

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

**FERNWOOD PARISH COUNCIL IS COMMITTED TO
DELIVERING ANOTHER FANTASTIC EVENT
BUT WE NEED YOUR HELP**

***Whether you can help with the preparations
or on the day, please get in touch:***



Call 01636 613024

or

Email clerk@fernwood-pc.co.uk

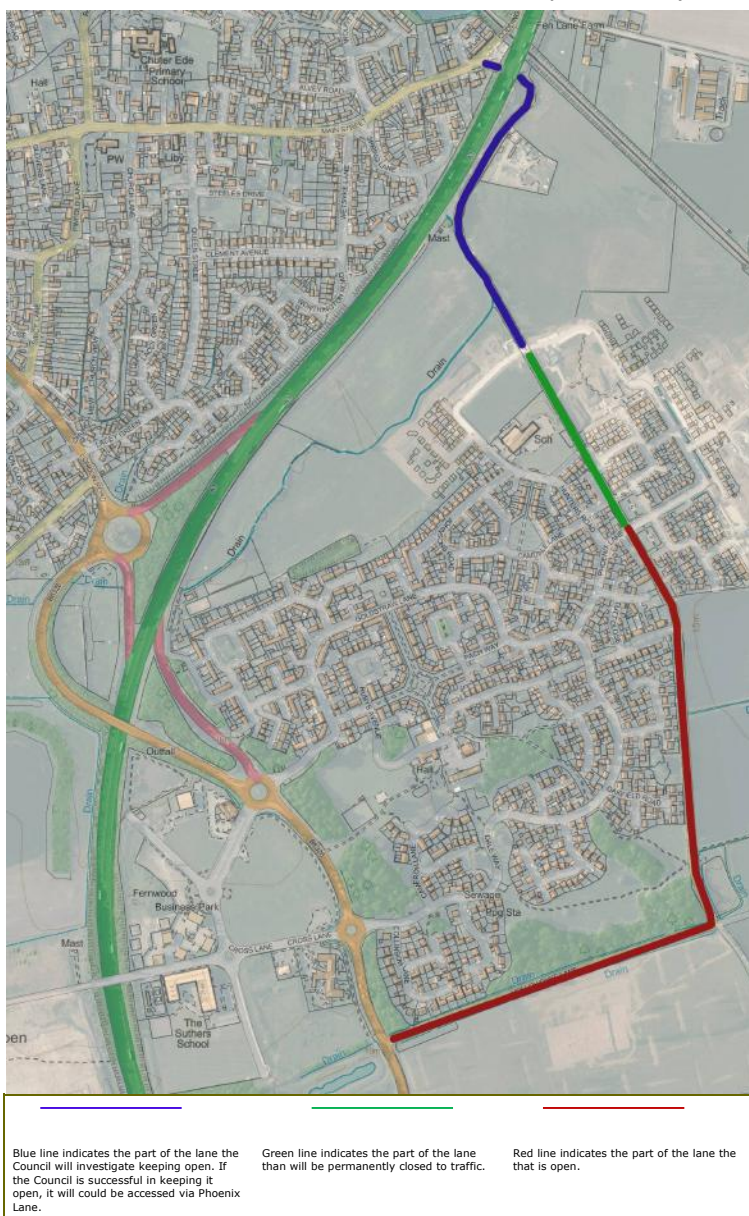
Hollowdyke Lane

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In October, Fernwood Parish Council conducted an online survey regarding Hollowdyke Lane. The long term plan is to close the north end of this road (leading to Main Street, Balderton), to traffic other than buses, cyclists and pedestrians. The survey also covered the speed of traffic along the end of the lane which is still open, leading up to Phoenix Lane.

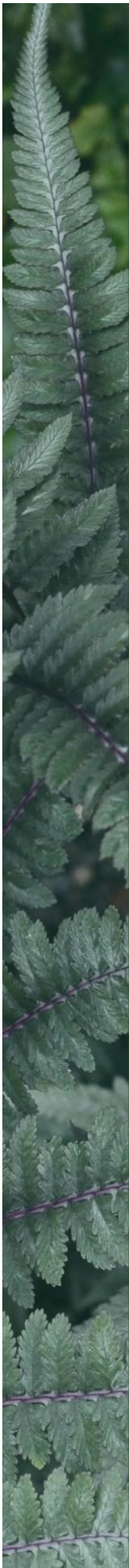
A significant majority of respondents support Fernwood Parish Council in its attempts to investigate keeping the road open to vehicles such as cars and vans so we will be getting quotes for a specialist company to do a feasibility study. The quotes will be discussed at a future Parish Council meeting.

Based on the feedback received the Council has commissioned speeding tubes to get accurate data on the speed of vehicles using the lane. 174 out of 318 survey respondents think vehicles go too fast on Hollowdyke Lane. The speed limit on the road is 60mph although there are yellow advisory signs asking drivers to drive at 20mph.



With housing being built on both sides of Hollowdyke Lane (around the Phoenix Lane area), dog walkers walking up the lane to access the undeveloped fields, and children crossing the road to get to school, Fernwood Parish Council is concerned that the current speed limit is too high.

Fernwood Parish Council is aware that Allison Homes may bring forward another planning application to link their current development to the new Barratt David Wilson Homes site. NCC appear to want to wait for this to make any changes to the speed limit a planning condition for the developer. We estimate it could take up to 10 years for this to come to fruition and wonder whether we could use Community Infrastructure Levy to pay for the work required to get a lower mandatory speed limit. At the time of this gazette being produced, we are waiting to meet with highways officer to discuss this issue, among others which affect the residents of Fernwood.

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FERNWOOD ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

***Wednesday 24th May, 2023
7.45pm***


Fernwood Village Hall

**All residents and stakeholders
in Fernwood welcome**

Come and share your ideas

Including updates from the Parish Council,
Fernwood Residents Association and local
groups and businesses

There will be a question and answer session
at the end of the meeting.

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Fernwood Village Hall Extension Update

During 2022, we started investigating the feasibility of extending Fernwood Village Hall to better serve the community. The planning agreement for the Barratt David Wilson Homes development includes a significant amount of funding for the maintenance and expansion of the existing village hall so the Parish Council is exploring the potential for this.

Draft plans were sent to Newark & Sherwood District Council's planning department last year for 'pre-application' advice. The feedback given was that parking was a key issue that needed to be addressed and so Fernwood Parish Council has commissioned a specialist transport planning consultant to assess current demand on parking in and around the village hall.



Once we have established whether the extension is feasible, we will consult with residents on the plans.

Village Hall Events

On the last Friday of January, we held a coffee morning at Fernwood Village Hall to celebrate Village Halls Week. Many halls held events, joining in a national campaign week shining a spotlight on the contribution England's 10,000+ village halls make to their community.

Regular hall users and local businesses were invited to have a stand at the event and cakes and drinks were served. In light of the success of the coffee morning, Fernwood Parish Council has decided to make this a regular event. Contact office@fernwood-pc.co.uk if you wish to be involved with future coffee mornings

Village Halls Week

2023

Warm, welcoming and inclusive spaces
#VillageHallsWeek



FERNWOOD YOUTH CLUB

During the winter months Fernwood Youth Club has provided a safe and fun space for young people in the community to keep safe and take part in positive activities.

During this term the Youth Club has had a visit from the Nottinghamshire Fire Service, who involved young people in a workshop around safety and Emma from Sexions came to talk to young people about healthy relationships.



The youth club has a welcoming and supportive atmosphere. The club continues to offer a wide range of activities which include cooking, sports, crafts, and team building games.

The young people who attend the Youth Club respect the Village Hall and have started to create pieces of artwork which will be displayed in the hall.

Young people have started to form purposeful relationships with members of staff, and we have seen young people start to take some ownership of the Youth Club. Over the coming term, we plan on developing this further by having a youth forum with a smaller group of young people and offer opportunities for young people to become a senior member to help and volunteer.

We are encouraging young people to think about the way they use the spaces around Fernwood, including the car park and shop areas and have discussed how they are representative members of the Youth Club and the community.

The Youth Club booking system is working well, and we have a core group of young people which attend every week. If you would like your young person to attend the session, contact details are laura.burrows2@nottscc.gov.uk

If you are an adult and interested in volunteering at the Youth Club, please contact Julianne.tring@nottscc.gov.uk who can talk to you about the role of a volunteer.



YOUTH CLUB

Fernwood Youth Club is open from
6.30pm - 8.30pm on Friday evenings,
during term times, for Year 6s to Year 11s

Your parents/carers can obtain membership forms
by emailing: laura.burrows2@nottscc.gov.uk

Once the forms have been completed,
Laura will email to confirm your membership
and then you are welcome to come along and join the fun!



**Nottinghamshire
County Council**

Fernwood Toddlers

Every Thursday during term-time at 9:30am - 11:30am
at Fernwood Village Hall

Songs **Story time** **Play** **Fun!**

£1 per family



**FERNWOOD
COMMUNITY
CHURCH**

INTERACTIVE EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA

Easter Saturday

8th April

2pm - 4pm

at Fernwood

Village Hall

crafts

for all
ages!

Quiz

Songs

Prizes

Hot
Cross
Buns

Easter Egg
Trail
outside

Story

Refreshments

Free
Event!



FERNWOOD COMMUNITY
CHURCH

WOODLAND UPDATE

Costall Woods

Fernwood Parish Council took ownership of the woodland behind Fernwood Day Nursery in May 2022: The Council is continuing to make improvements to the area, with regular checks to ensure it is kept to a good standard. On behalf of Fernwood Parish Council, N&SDC empty the bins in the area and their ground maintenance team will recommence fortnightly grass cutting around the verges in the Spring. Below, a summary of activity and plans for the woodland:

- In 2020, when we were doing due-diligence regarding buying the woodland, we had a tree survey done. Almost all of this work was completed at the back end of 2022. There is one tree that still needs to be felled, however, it may have bats in it. Prior to the tree work, we used an ecological specialist to check for the presence of bats. They will be coming back to do further survey work in the Spring before we have the last tree felled. We will take their advice on how we should proceed. Five replacement trees will be planted soon.
- In July 2022, we invited residents to join a volunteers' meeting to discuss ideas for the area and address any concerns. The area behind Marron Court was also discussed including ideas for improving this area and the Council has commissioned a designer to design the area based on ideas that were discussed and his expertise in delivering wildlife gardens. An online consultation exercise was conducted in January. Over 80% of respondents supported the idea and we are pleased to let you know work on the garden will commence in March. There were a handful of requests for benches in the area however, the plan is for this area is to preserve it and keep it as a haven for wildlife, whilst being able to be viewed from the path at its edge.
- In October, we held a community bulb planting event. Many families joined in on the day and it is wonderful to see the bulbs emerging now.
- In January, one of the four trees that had to be felled was carved by Mick Burns, a chainsaw sculptor based near Lincoln. The carving can be seen from the pathway as you walk through the woods.
- We have approached Nottinghamshire County Council about the condition of the paths in the woodland with a view to getting the cracked and damaged areas repaired. A small area of the path belongs to the Parish Council so we will ask them to repair this if/when they agree to repair their adopted paths.
- A community bat and bird box making event will be held at Fernwood Village Hall on June 4th—see below for how to book your place.

Communication regarding this area

There is a page on the Council's website, www.fernwood-pc.co.uk, with documents and updates relating to the area—see the Costall Woods tab.



Community Bat and bird box making event at Fernwood Village Hall Sunday 4th June 2023 — 2.30pm to 5pm

This event is free of charge. Contact the Parish Council Office if you would like to book a place: Telephone: **01636 613024**, Email: **office@fernwood-pc.co.uk**



Above Sarah Marsden, from Fernwood, with son Leo and daughter, Evie, pictured below.



Gracie, Louis, Ralph and Jake, all from Fernwood.



Thank you to everyone who came to help plant bulbs. Look out for Bluebells, Anemones, Daffodils and Snowdrops when you walk through the woods this Spring.

The HISTORY of RAF BALDERTON – part 1- the beginning

RAF Balderton Research Group - Pete Stevens, Leighton & Debbie Topham & Colin Savill

This is the first in a series of articles telling the story of Balderton airfield now part of Fernwood Parish. We hope you find them interesting and informative and forgive all the Balderton references as, like Fernwood itself, it once was part of Balderton.

RAF Balderton, a former Royal Air Force station located 2.0 miles (3.2 km) south of Newark-on-Trent, between the now extinct Great Northern Railway (GNR) Grantham-Bottesford-Newark line and the pre-dual carriageway A1 road. Opened in 1941, it was used by the RAF mainly by Bomber Command, United States Army Air Force for troop transport and post-war for munitions storage before it was closed in 1957.

In the Domesday Book of 1086 it is called Baldretune and is a *berewick* (a dependent hamlet) of Newark described as being part of the *sokelands* of Newark-on-Trent belonging to the Bishop of Lincoln. In the 1840s large parts of the village were owned by the Duke of Newcastle as lord of the manor. Grapes were once grown at Balderton; in 1578 there were accusations of vines being cut down. In 1726 the Great North Road (designated the A1 in 1923) was turnpiked between Spittal Hill in Grantham and Little Drayton (near Markham Moor) with a toll house at Balderton. An enclosure act was passed in 1766.

White's Directory of Nottinghamshire, 1853 describes Balderton '*as a pleasant and well-built village and parish ... containing 1,048 inhabitants and 4,050 acres of land, at the annual value of £6,930 ... Matthew Harvey, William Withers and Thomas S. Godfrey Esqrs. ... have estates here, the latter of whom built New Hall, a neat mansion, in 1840. The Great Northern Railway intersects the parish.* In 1911 the population was 2,824 and, including Fernwood, had grown to 10,298 in 2001.



Within today's Fernwood a large private house Balderton Hall (pictured in about 1900) was built in 1840, the ultimate status symbol for banker Thomas Spragging Godfrey who was sheriff of Nottingham in 1853. In 1928 the Hall was occupied by Mrs W. Ebenezer Hardy. In 1930 it was bought by Nottinghamshire County Council for conversion to a hospital, building started in 1936 but was suspended due to the Second World War when the house was used for officers' accommodation based at RAF Balderton.

During the Second World War airfield development was the largest civil engineering project ever undertaken in the UK. In the East Midlands prior to September 1939 there were 14 airfields, and only one - Hucknall with grass runways in Nottinghamshire; by 1945 this had risen to 106, the majority with concrete runways. Nottinghamshire had a total of 14 airfields and landing grounds.

RAF Expansion Scheme airfields, built to counter the looming German threat in the early 1930s, were built to a standard design and well constructed with permanent buildings. The onset of war called for a further massive expansion to meet the needs of the RAF and Royal Navy; these were austere in comparison. With less permanent structures accommodation was generally in huts, with semi-permanent hangars and some brick built buildings.

Balderton was a wartime expansion airfield; a typical airfield at the beginning of the war only required grass runways as aircraft weights had not yet reached the heavy bomber proportions of later in WW2.

The land was requisitioned in 1939 and opened in 1941 as a satellite (junior or support) airfield with grass runways over stiff clay. It was flanked by the Great North Road or A1 to the East, Grange Lane to the West and Cross Lane to the North with the hangars and technical site within this approximately 2.5 square mile area. During 1941 a tarmac perimeter track was laid along with 24 'frying pan' dispersal hardstandings. The administrative and all accommodation sites were to the East of the A1. Farms were demolished and a small wood of just less than four acres removed to clear the runway area.



Landowners who lost fields included Messrs. H. A. Hopewell, John Hanbury (*picture from Mrs Theresa Williams*) of Cottage Farm, and Joseph Hallam. Walter Jackson of Balderton Grange lost 53 acres to the airfield and received £94 compensation. Cotham Field Farm to the West survived, just, by the airfield perimeter detouring round the farm.

On the 26 October 1939 the stock of John Hanbury's farm was sold at auction in the Cock Inn (modern Chesters); consisting of 7 horses, 55 beasts, 60 head of poultry, 3 unit milking machine, sterilising plant and boiler, dairy utensils and quantities of hay, loose and baled wheat and oat straw. Refreshments were available at a reasonable charge by Mr. Mellor's!

Cross Lane Farm to the North, the Property of Mr. John Richards was knocked down - the house, barns, cowsheds, stables and a cottage. *John Richards Daughter, Nancy Hart, wrote of her experience on losing her family home in a letter written in the 1990s – 'At the age of nine life for me was idyllic on my parents' farm where I was born. Life seemed full of sunshine, wonderful wild flowers, also Mothers delightful garden, a swing in an old apple tree. Myself and my two sisters had a warm, comfortable and happy home... Just pre-war my father installed a very modern cowshed for*

20 cows with a dairy and the latest milking machine units. Together with a new Dutch barn, it was a farm to be proud of.

However my parents were suddenly given 6 weeks notice to quit and find another farm as their dairy farm was to be taken over as part of a new airfield, In January 1940 we left Cross Lane and within 2 weeks of leaving the farmhouse and buildings had been demolished, the apple tree had gone and apart from a few flowers struggling to bloom in what was once Mothers garden, no one would have known that there had ever been a farmstead'. A T2 Hangar was erected almost exactly on where the farm had stood.



Bantycok Farm summer 1940 Mr and Mrs Steemson in centre

Vina Beresford wrote (she passed away in early 2017) - My parents Edwin and Gladys Steemson and myself as a baby lived at Bantycok Farm, Staple Lane Balderton until Lady Day 1942 when we moved to another farm at Halloughton. We left because 40 acres of our farm had been taken for the airfield. When the aerodrome opened in 1941 my father cut the hedges... The house and buildings stood until the 1980s when they were demolished to make way for a Gypsum Quarry. Frank Barlow lived at 100 Acre Farm and grazed 400 sheep on the airfield in 1941 before the runways were laid.

The airfield had its first flying accident when on 23 June 1940 Armstrong-Whitworth Whitley P4971 of No.51 Squadron piloted by Sgt H. J. Fitz crashed at Shire Bridge Farm Long Bennington when attempting to land at Balderton. Sgt Fitz was uninjured.

Fernwood Village Hall is offering a WARM PLACE



Every Tuesday
10am - 12pm



Pop along for tea, coffee
& biscuits



Free WiFi
Everyone welcome



Local Police and Councils Working Together

The local Neighbourhood Policing Team from Nottinghamshire Police are leading on joint meetings between their organisation and local councils. These meetings are called the Safer Neighbourhood Group (SNG) and cover issues across Balderton, Fernwood and Middlebeck

Representatives from Fernwood Parish Council will attend these meetings. The first meeting was held in December and we met again at the end of February. Below, we give feedback to Fernwood residents from those meetings.

From September to February, the Police had 23 incidents reported to them in Fernwood, averaging 2 per month; there were similar numbers in Middlebeck and significantly more in Balderton. They are aware of the 'hotspots' and have behaviour contracts in place with individuals known to have been involved in ASB.

Key messages from the meetings were:

1. Policing is an **evidence led** service so it is vital that each time someone witnesses ASB or a crime, **we need to report it**.

2. The Police

- i. have contacted Welcome Break who have extensive CCTV systems at the new services area. Should there be any issues, the police will be able to obtain CCTV footage to address these;
- ii. have noted the 2 reports of ASB at the new park on Phoenix Lane and this is now included on their patrol plan;
- iii. have visited all the local schools to talk to young people about ASB and plan to do more visits over the coming months.

There will be quarterly meetings of the SNG to address issues, work collaboratively, and help keep communities informed. If you witness any antisocial behaviour, please report it using the contact details above. **Should you wish the Parish Council to raise specific issues in these meetings, contact the Parish Council office.**

Fernwood

**REPORT IT!
CAMPAIGN**

Do you care about Fernwood? Do you want it to be a nice, safe, quiet place to live? **So do we!**

If you see a crime, anti-social behaviour, or a nuisance occurring, we ask you to report it to the appropriate authority.

For a crime in progress or an emergency, ring: **999**

To report a crime or nuisance, call the Police on: **101**

Environmental Nuisance or Anti-Social Behaviour
Newark and Sherwood District Council, ring during normal office hours:

01636 650000



Street Names in Fernwood

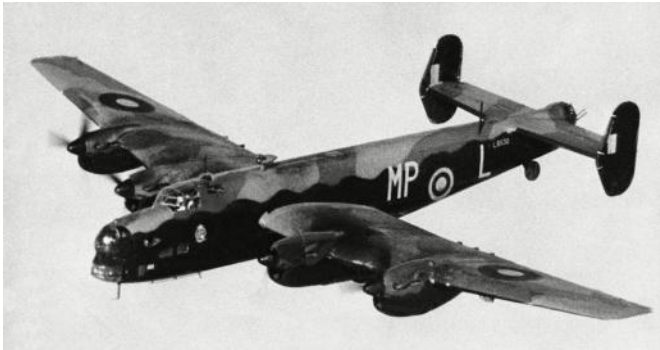
The Parish Council recently received an enquiry from a resident to ask about the origin of street names in Fernwood.

The street names acknowledge the history of the area. Many are names of staff that worked at Balderton Hospital and in the new developments, Royal Air Force historical names have been used, from aircraft to local RAF bases.

Kenny Close—a relatively new street, on the site of the old Hydropool, was named after Sister Olive Kenny who worked on the Rosefield Ward and lived on Dale Crescent.



Halifax Road—a road in the new Barratt David Wilson Homes development was named after the Handley Page aircraft used at RAF Balderton.



Whittle Way—Frank Whittle was an *aeronautical engineer and inventor of the jet engine*. His Meteor and Vickers Wellington jet aircraft were subsequently test flown from Balderton, during 1943-4



To find out the origin of your street name, visit www.fernwood-pc.co.uk and click on the Information/contacts heading.

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Fernwood Village Hall



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Stamps Recycling

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A local resident has kindly offered to take used stamps, plastic bottle tops and printer cartridges for recycling. There are receptacles for you to leave these in the foyer of Fernwood Village Hall. The hall opening times are detailed on page 3 but it is often open when our regular bookings are in. Stamps can be posted in an envelope in our post box at any time. These items are taken to organisations that can recycle them and in return make a donation to charity.



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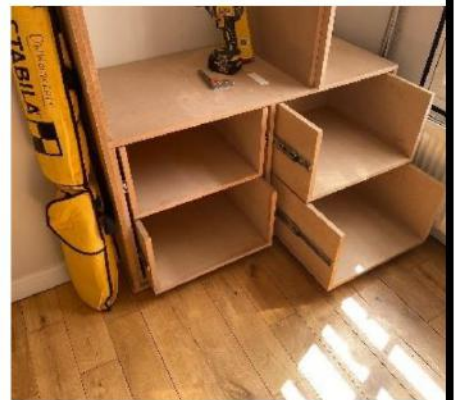
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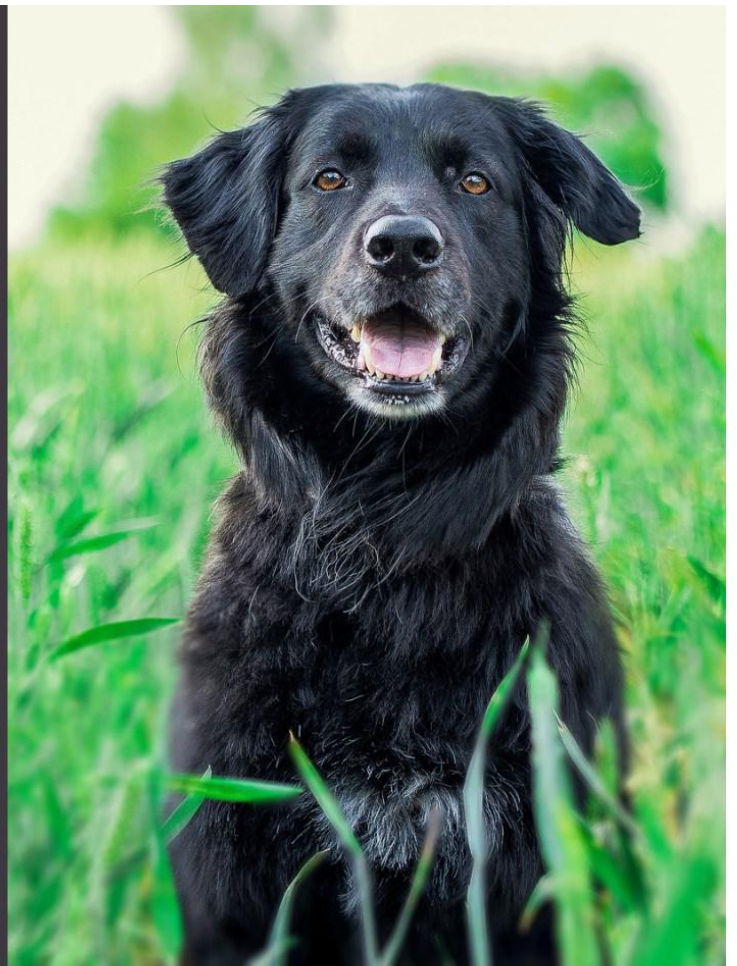


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Fernwood Village Hall - 1.30pm until 4.30pm

£45.00

Contact Wendy Jackson on 07891 641 386

Thursday 16th March ~ Introduction into Soul Medicine Mentoring. Anenge will talk about how her Soul Realignment® readings and Mentoring sessions will support you in creating the life you want. Followed by some fun connecting with cards and a meditation to meet your spirit guide.

Fernwood Village Hall - 1pm until 3pm

£25.00

Contact Anenge at iningrose@gmail.com

Saturday 25th March ~ Spring Equinox Celebration. This will be a beautiful day of Sacred Cocoa Ceremony, dance, connection to self through hand massage and oils. Also learning their benefits. Lunch and cocoa included in price.

South Scarle Church Hall - 11.00am until 6.00pm

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Saturday April 15th ~ Learn how doTerra Essential Oils can help your children. In this workshop, we will be looking at specific combinations for children, such as brave, rescue and calm. We will have some fun, making some products for you to take home.

Fernwood Village Hall - 11am until 3pm

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Saturday 22nd April ~ Sacred Cocoa Ceremony with Soul Medicine Mama.

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£33.00

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Thursday 27th April ~ This will be a make and take workshop, as well as learning about the properties and benefits of doTerra essential oils.

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Wednesday 3rd May ~ Sacred Cocoa Ceremony with Soul Medicine Mama.

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Please get in touch with Wendy on 07891 641 386
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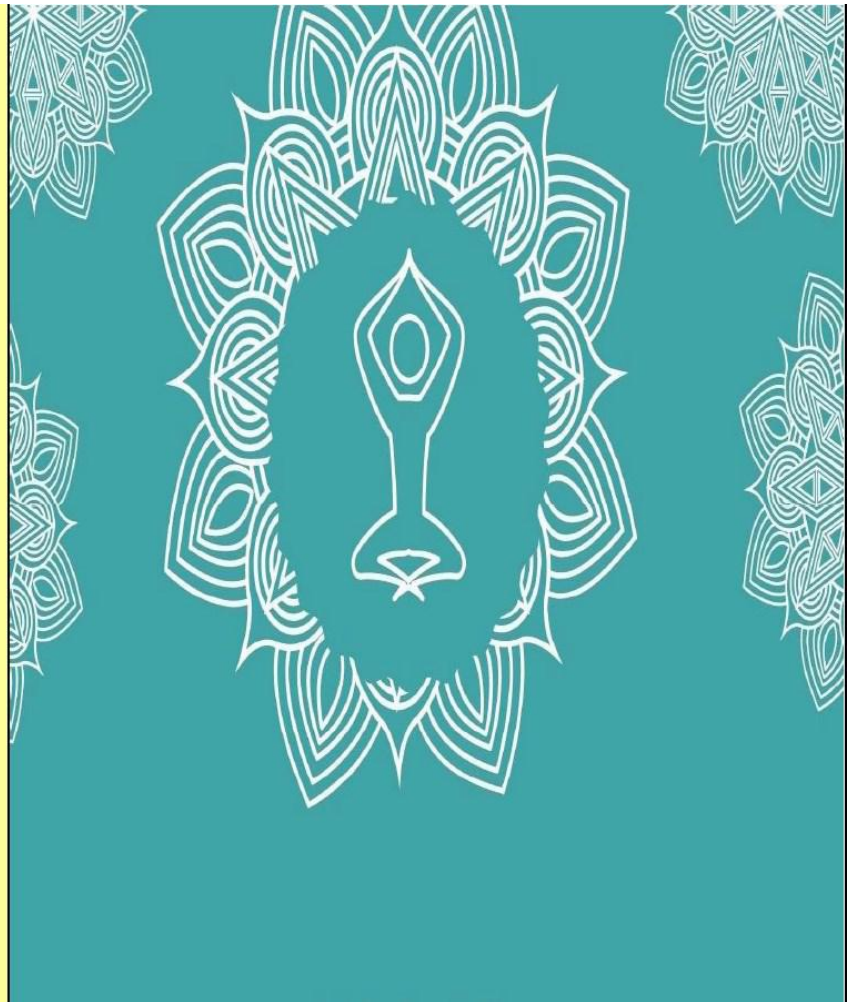
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Email: info@myfernwood.org

New committee members needed

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	10:00- 12:00 Warm Place	9:20-10:00 Caterpillar Music	9:30-11:30 Baby& Toddlers Group	9:30-12:10 Caterpillar Music
17:30-19:30 Tae kwon-do	16:30-17:00 18:00-19:00 Newark Karate Academy	17:45-18:45 Weight Watchers	16:00 -18:30 Slimming World	18:30-20:30 Youth Club
20:00-20:45 Zumba	19:30-21:00 Fernwood Amateur Dramatics	19:30-20:30 Yoga	18:30 -19:30 Lucina Mama Antenatal Education	
	19:15- 21:30 Salsa			
SATURDAY	SUNDAY			
09:30-11:30 Studio 29 Musical Theatre	10:30- 12:00 Fernwood Community Church			

For contact details of group organisers, please visit:
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PARISH COUNCIL MEETING DATES 2023

Full Council meetings are on the third Monday of each month except August and December

**Save the
date**

January 16th
February 20th
March 20th
April 17th
May 15th*

June 19th
July 17th
September 18th
October 16th
November 20th

**All
meetings
open to
the public**

Meetings start at 7pm. Agendas available on the Council website and notice boards.

*On May 15th we will also hold our Annual Parish Council meeting at 6pm.

All meetings are held at Fernwood Village Hall

Occasionally an Extraordinary meeting is called if the business arises that cannot wait until the next Parish Council - this will be publicised on the Parish Council's notice board and website and local social media.

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