

Welcome to the May 2026

FERNWOOD GAZETTE

It feels like no time since our Christmas celebrations but now as we move into spring and summer, the Parish Council is focusing on plans for the year ahead. We're setting budgets and priorities, progressing the next stage of the village hall redevelopment, reviewing local sports provision alongside day to day support of residents and the office staff. Looking ahead, we have a fantastic line-up of events, including our May family day and market, summer family event, coffee mornings, and the return of the Fernwood Safari in September. Keep an eye on the Gazette and online for updates — we look forward to seeing you there!



JOIN US FOR OUR

May Family Fun Event

SATURDAY 30TH MAY
1PM TO 4PM

FREE ENTRY

Join us for a day of family activities & market stalls at the village hall this May

There's lots of fun planned including bouncy castle • crafts • live music • market stalls • charity tombola • food stalls • kids activities and much much more!

FERNWOOD VILLAGE HALL

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PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE

Office opening times:

Monday - Friday

10am –1pm

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A message from: Councillor Shepherd

As we head into the warmer months, there's plenty to look forward to in Fernwood. We're excited to launch our first May Family Fun Day at the village hall, with food, music and stalls, alongside the return of our popular summer event and the Fernwood Safari in September. These events take a huge amount of time to organise and I'd like to thank the Parish Council team for their continued time, enthusiasm and support.

Alongside events, councillors have been busy reviewing planning applications, working with developers, addressing residents' concerns, and progressing plans for the village hall expansion. It's worth remembering that all Parish Councillors are volunteers, working behind the scenes to support the community in our spare time. We'll always do our best to support where possible or direct residents to those that can help!

Finally, I wanted to share that from August I'll be taking a short period of maternity leave as I prepare to welcome my first baby. While I may not be at meetings in person, I'll be keeping up to date behind the scenes, dropping into the village hall and I expect I'll see many of you at toddler sessions!



Our meetings

Councillors meet most months to discuss issues and plans. These meetings are published online beforehand. Residents are welcome at the first 15 minutes for open discussion, to raise any concerns or ask any questions regarding the agenda. Our minutes and agendas are posted online, as well as on our noticeboards which are on the side of the village hall and on Goldstraw Lane, opposite the clock tower.

Parish Councillors are unpaid volunteers who undertake the role in their spare time. Any formal requests should be directed to the Clerk.

Upcoming meeting details:

Monday 18th May

Monday 15th June

Monday 20th July

Residents are always welcome to come into the parish council office in the village hall if they have any queries. You can also follow our Facebook page for regular updates on the Council's work.



WHAT'S ON

FERNWOOD VILLAGE HALL

www.facebook.com/village.hall.fernwood/



MONDAY

9:30 - 10:30
Peaceful Possums
Yoga

11:45 - 13:15
Sit, Get Fit, Get
Healthy

17:30-19:30
Tae kwon-do

20:00-21:00
Zumba

TUESDAY

10:00- 12:00
Coffee Group &
Knit and Natter

18:00-19:00
Newark Karate
Academy

19:30-21:00
Fernwood Amateur
Dramatics

WEDNESDAY

10:30 - 11:30
Equinox Tai Chi

14:00 - 16:00
U3A Ukelele Group

17:30 - 18:30
Blossoms

19:30 - 21:30
Fernwood Ladies
Choir

19:30 - 21:30
(3rd Wednesday of
the Month)
Women's Institute

THURSDAY

9:30-11:30
Baby& Toddlers Group

14:00-15:30
Moving Together

19:00 - 19:45
Move with Char

FRIDAY

9:30-12:10
Caterpillar
Music

14:30 - 16:00
U3A Astronomy
Group
(1st Friday of
the month)

17:30 - 18:30
Blossoms

18:30 - 19:15
Dog Days

SATURDAY

09:30-11:30
Studio 29 Musical
Theatre

SUNDAY

10:30- 13:00
Fernwood Community
Church

For contact details of group organisers, please visit:

www.fernwood-pc.co.uk/community/fernwood-parish-council-13053/regular-events/



FERNWOOD CLOCK TOWER

There have been lots of questions regarding the Fernwood Clock Water Tower online recently and it was also discussed by the District Councillors at our April meeting. There have been some concerns from residents regarding the future of the building and its upkeep - unfortunately as it is privately owned, it is entirely at the discretion of the owner to take action with any repairs or plans for development.

The tower is one of the only remaining structures from Balderton Hospital but is not a listed building. It is one of the tallest buildings in the area and is well known to residents of Fernwood and Newark. There have been several conversations with the owner from many parties to understand their intentions to develop; an open planning application is ongoing despite works not starting. Officers are investigating safety and current state of repair, as well as also liaising with the owner to replace the missing fence panels. Any concerns regarding safety can be escalated to the District Council and any anti-social behaviour in the area should also be reported.





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ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Monday 18th May
6:00 PM
Fernwood Village Hall

All residents are warmly invited to attend the Annual Parish Meeting.

Come along to:

- Hear updates on local projects and plans
- Hear from local councillors
- Hear from community groups & organisations
- Raise any questions or concerns
- Share your ideas for the community
- Meet your parish councillors

The meeting will be followed by the usual monthly Parish Council meeting.

SHIRE LANE

There has been some discussion lately about the naming of Shire Lane / Claypole Lane in Fernwood. As it stands, the Parish Council have had no complaints or confusion from residents that live on the Lane or in the village. We are aware that County Council are planning on changing signage in their area to Claypole Lane and have asked for clarity regarding maps and planning permission as a result of any changes - much of which refers to the area as Shire Lane. We will keep residents informed at meetings.



UPCOMING EVENTS

2026

Markets

May Market

Saturday 30th May

Join us for a special May Day craft market, with local sellers. There'll also be live music, free kids crafts and bouncy castle in the garden of the village hall.

Christmas Market

Saturday 5th December

Festive goods from local suppliers including crafts and food. The perfect chance to get a special gift!

Street Food Vans

Keep an eye on social media for a full list of street food attending the village hall. We have a great selection of suppliers, from Greek food, pizza and deserts!

Summer Fun Day

Saturday 25th July Market / Summer Event

Back again at the village hall. There'll be music, bouncy castles and food stalls. Plus lots of free activities for all the family and the scarecrow competition!

Fernwood Safari

Saturday 19th September

Music & activities at the hall plus set up your own stall outside your home for a clear out & declutter!

Community Christmas

Sunday 13th December

Join us for carols, brass band & a visit from Santa in his grotto! Free activities for the whole family.

FERNWOOD CENTRAL RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION (FCRA)

If you live in Central Fernwood, you may be missing out on the wealth of useful information contained on the web site of your Residents Association and the help that we provide at: www.myfernwood.org

Many questions are raised that have been answered on the web site so let's look at a few examples:

- Do I need a Deed of Variation? You may if you are selling your house. Find out more.
- Will I need an information pack from FirstPort. Buyers solicitors often insist on one.
- How much will it cost? It varies so see examples.
- How do I contact my FirstPort Facilities Manager? Full contact details.
- Where is the guide to Creatio? Link on site.
- What did the hospital and tower look like ?
- Like to play Petanque?

See this news feature on MyFernwood to read this article with links to the answers. www.myfernwood.org

Our primary remit is to liaise with FirstPort over the maintenance of our open spaces and the charges for it. We regularly meet with FirstPort and Barratt Redrow over services provided and their costs. We have saved residents money over incorrect billing and successfully pressed for late fees to not be charged due to the lateness and confusion over bills. We have appreciated the help of Barratt Redrow in raising our concerns at the top levels of FirstPort. We are currently pressing for the revised Accounts for 2024/25 to be released after an early version was sent out in error. We are also pressing for a discussion over the draft budget for 2026/27 to correct errors before it comes into force in June.

We are always looking for a fresh pair of eyes to check this out and provide a new opinion. Could you help?

You are welcome to attend our meetings which are usually held the last Wednesday of the month in the Village Hall with the agenda posted on our noticeboard and on our web site. We can be contacted at Fernwoodra@duck.com

RESIDENTS LITTER PICK EVERYONE WELCOME

At our April Parish Council meeting, residents informed councillors that they are now regularly litter picking on Sunday mornings at 10am. Anyone is welcome to join for an hour of litter picking, meeting at the village hall. Parish Councillors would like to say a huge thank you to these residents for being so proactive. Residents can also collect litter pickers and bin bags during open hours from the village hall to help keep the village looking clean & tidy! We'll also have council led litter picks throughout the year.



FERNWOOD IN BLOOM

Parish Councillors & volunteers spent an afternoon in winter planting a variety of bulbs around the entrance to the village, Costall Woods and around the village hall. In the last few months these bulbs have started to bloom! Hopefully residents enjoy seeing them and they continue to flower for years to come.

Thank you to those who helped with the planting. Councillors will run a similar activity later in the year. Keep an eye on social media and the Gazette for dates for 2026!

If any groups in the village are interested in grants or funding for bulbs and planting etc. please do get in touch with the clerk for more information.



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Dear residents. We are pleased to be writing to you again in the latest edition of the Fernwood Gazette. We hope you are enjoying the longer and brighter days as we head towards the summer. Our article in this edition is all about waste – we hope you deem it useful and not a ‘waste’ of time!

Dog Poo Bins

We’ve had lots of conversations over recent months about one of the most glamorous of council services (or not!), dog poo bins! In Fernwood, dog poo bins are provided by Fernwood Parish Council and emptied by Newark and Sherwood District Council’s fantastically hard-working waste teams. We know that many four-legged friends enjoy the same walking routine and that this means owners can be left stumped when they arrive at the dog poo bin on route and find it is already full to the brim. However, when the bin is full, you must not leave dog poo hanging from the bin, sitting on top of the bin, or dumped on the pavement next to the bin. This is an offence, and aside from that, presents a real risk to the cleanliness and health and safety of our community. There is no excuse – if the bin is full you have two choices, take the bag to the next closest bin, or take it home with you for disposal. We do appreciate that full bins are far from ideal when you’ve got waste to dispose of, and to that end we have asked District Council officers to create QR code stickers for the bins that links straight to the webpage for reporting the bin as full for emptying. In the meantime, you can report a full dog poo bin (or litter bin for that matter) by heading to the Newark and Sherwood District Council website and filling out the form <https://www.newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk/report/>

Flytipping

We have noticed that there seems to be a recent increase of flytipping in Fernwood. Flytipping is the illegal disposal of waste and is a blight on our communities. If you spot flytipping in the village or in the wider Newark and Sherwood area, please do report it on the website (<https://www.newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk/report/>) without delay. The team from NSDC will come out to assess the flytipping very quickly, and will often remove it without delay. However, there are occasions where removing the waste can take a little longer than we’d like, but that could be because there are hazardous materials or because officers are investigating who dumped the materials in order to successfully prosecute them – as they have recently done!

Household Bins

At recent parish council meetings, concerns have been shared with us about household bins being left out on public land for days on end or permanently. Officers at the District Council have been working with us to tackle this issue and have made some great progress in the village. So, a short plea – please don’t leave your bin out for days on end, and please do get in touch with us if you know of a hotspot area that Council officers need to be informed of as part of this work.

As ever, if we can be of any assistance to you, please do not hesitate to get in touch. Sincerely,
Jack, Simon and Neil

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TUESDAY 26TH MAY
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FERNWOOD COMMUNITY CHURCH UPDATE

A growing family

It was great to meet many of you during March, either at our family event, the toddler group, or at the hot chocolate stand in the park. We continue to share the good news about Jesus Christ – for he alone can give us the deep and lasting purpose, joy, forgiveness, security and truth we all need. Have you found eternal life in Jesus? Why not find out more by picking up a Bible, or joining us on Sundays?

Our church family is growing, which has been so encouraging. It's already more than 8 years ago that we started meeting in Fernwood Village Hall with a few dozen adults and children. Now we praise God for more than three times as many! From young children to a 95-year-old, with people not only from the UK but also Hong Kong and Africa, we're a group of people with many differences. Yet, we are (as the Bible puts it) 'one in Jesus Christ' – a big family!

If you're interested in learning more about Jesus, the Bible and Christianity, but maybe you've got big questions or are not yet ready to come to a Sunday service, we intend to run "Christianity Explored" soon. This is a series of a few meetings in which we open the Bible together to look at the life of Jesus. Some short videos, plenty of time for all your questions. All in an informal, small group setting. Please get in touch via hello@fernwoodchurch.org.uk to ask for more info!



FERNWOOD COMMUNITY
CHURCH

Church Activities

All welcome!

Sunday Services

10:30am

Including Sunday School

6pm

Each week except 1st of the month

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10:15am

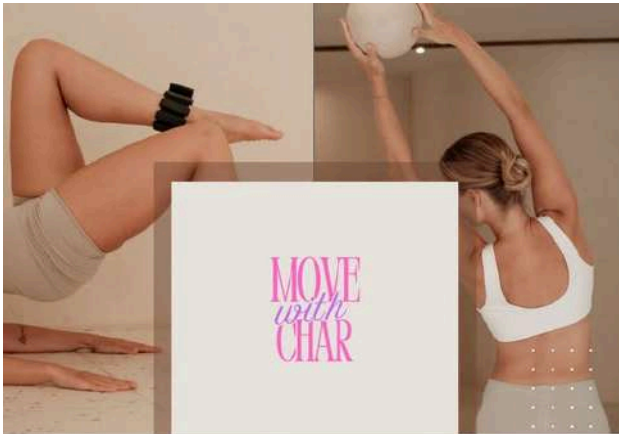
2nd & 4th Tuesday each month.

Babies & Toddlers

Thursdays 9.30-11:30am

FERNWOOD FOOD VANS

Fernwood is now lucky enough to be joined by a variety of food trucks throughout the month at the Village Hall. From waffles, Greek favourites, pizzas, waffles and milkshakes - the village hall team have selected a fantastic array of vendors for residents to sample plus many many more! Vans are usually parked in the back car park. We've also got a selection of the food vans attending some of our community events this year at the village hall to help you find your favourites. Dates of vendors tend to alternate so it's best to keep an eye on the village hall Facebook page for up to date information on who is attending on what days!



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BRYAN WOOD

It is with great sadness the Parish Council were informed in March of the sudden passing of local resident Bryan Wood. Bryan was a very active member of the Fernwood community, supporting the village greatly behind the scenes with his volunteering and very regular litter picks. He was often out twice a week clearing litter across Fernwood! Bryan also contributed frequently at our Parish Council meetings, quietly representing the views of residents, asking questions on agenda items and giving feedback to councillors.

Bryan was spoken of highly by all councillors & staff. Residents also spoke highly of his presence in the village and our condolences go out to his family at this time. He will be greatly missed by many.



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County Councillor Update

Delivering for Our Roads – Major Investment Secured Across Balderton Division. Written by Johno Lee.

One of the things I hear most when I'm out speaking to residents is simple: our roads need fixing. That message has guided my work as your County Councillor, and I'm pleased to say we are now seeing real investment coming through. Over the past few years, we've already delivered resurfacing on Wilford Avenue, Lansbury Road and Mount Road. These were long overdue and I pushed hard to get them done. Now, the next phase is confirmed for 2026/27, with a combination of micro asphalt schemes and larger surface preservation works across the area.

Micro asphalt works will take place on:

Bakewell Close, Coging Close, Coleman Avenue, Gibson Crescent, Moulton Crescent, Smithson Close, Stafford Avenue and Vessey Close.

Alongside this, a large surface preservation programme will cover:

Camdale Lane, Cameron Lane / Cormack Lane, Carmelita Avenue, Carnell Lane, Collinson Lane / Goodwin Lane, Dale Crescent / Blackberry Way, Dale Way, Deeke Road, Gardiner Avenue, Gilbert Way / Rosefield / Marron areas, Gilmores Lane, Goldstraw Lane, Johnsons Road, Oakfield Road, Pach Way, Parsons Close, Pine Close, Plum Way, Pond Close, Read Close, Rubys Avenue, Thomas Road, Tutt Close, Williams Lane and Youngs Avenue.

This is backed by real funding. Smaller schemes come in under £10,000, with others ranging from £10,000 to £50,000. The larger surface programme alone is estimated between £70,000 and £360,000. This is exactly what residents have been asking for proper investment in the roads we all use every day and I've worked to make sure that happens. At the same time, I do think it's important to be honest. While we're securing this investment, it's disappointing to see the Reform-led council choosing to cut services like the Connect service, reducing support for elderly residents. For me, it's about priorities getting the basics right. There's more to do, and I'll keep pushing.




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COMMUNITY LIBRARY

A reminder that residents are warmly invited to visit the village hall during opening hours and enjoy our community library. There's a great selection of books and jigsaws for all ages, including plenty for children.

There's no need to sign books in or out - just take what you'd like and return when you're finished. Donations are always welcome. Come along, have a browse, and enjoy!



The WI isn't all about making jam and singing Jerusalem

...although some of us can make darn good jam!

At WI we try to offer a diverse range of activities, learning, and a being a powerful voice for change for all women

We try to focus on making friendships, learning new skills, being part of the local community and campaigning on issues like health, environment, and social justice.



We meet...

7.30 - 9.15 3rd Wednesday of the month

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