

## Village Diary

12th May- Evensong at St Andrews  
4.30pm

19th May- Service at St Andrews  
10.30am

### Parish Council Meetings:

The next meeting in the Village Hall are the Annual Parish Meeting, to which all villagers are invited, followed by a Full Parish Council Meeting:

14th May 2024 - **Annual Parish Meeting** 7-7.30pm  
Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm

Everyone is very welcome to attend the meetings, if they wish to raise or ask questions of the council. Please pop in!

**Clerk:** Alison Gibson – 07763177707

### Councillors:

Cllr Tessa Bladon (Chair)- 07549 271986

Cllr Paul Officer - 01858 545717

Cllr Clare Staveley - 07891 788059

Cllr Debbie Molyneux - 07854 734671

Cllr James Anderson - 07557 801 580

## Village Hall Trustees

Tur Langton Village Hall is still looking for a few more people to become Trustees of the Hall Charity.

If you are interested please contact Tessa Bladon, Paul Officer (see contacts above), or Jan Haynes.

## Quiz Night

On the evening of Saturday 10th February a Charity Quiz Night was held at Tur Langton Village Hall to raise funds for Dementia UK and Cancer Research UK. There was a good turnout of around

60 to support the evening which was finished off with a raffle with some notable prizes such as a week's holiday in St Ives, Cornwall kindly donated by Sam and David Langridge. Thanks go to Jan Haynes, Tessa and Annie Bladon, Rory Pallett, James (the Fish n Chip king) and all those who generously donated raffle prizes and gave their time and effort to make the evening such a success. We raised £600 in total which was split equally between the two charities. The money raised for Dementia UK will go towards funding a specialist dementia nurse (called an Admiral Nurse) in our county. Thanks again to everyone who took part!

## New Clerk

After several years of sterling service our Clerk, Alison Gibson, is due to retire in September. We therefore are looking for a new Clerk. If you are interested or know of someone who is, please contact Tessa Bladon ([councillor1@turlanton-pc.org.uk](mailto:councillor1@turlanton-pc.org.uk)) for an employment pack. The work is 5 hours a week within the grade LC1 SPC6 (£12.42/ hour).

## History Page

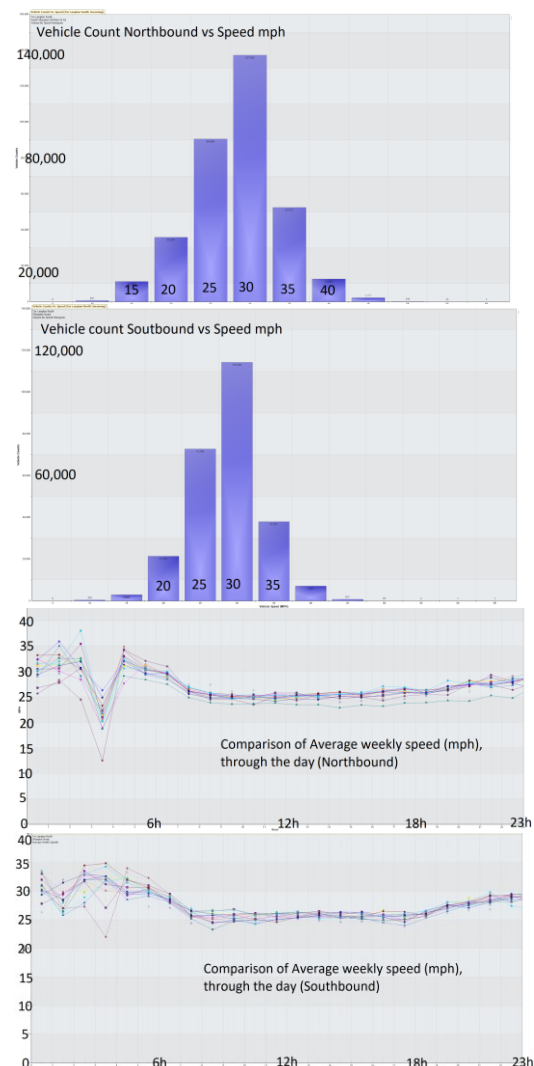
The history page on the Parish Council website is being developed thanks to Cllr Debbie Molyneux. We would like this to reflect information about the village, so if you have any photographs or documents that would be of interest please send them to Debbie. We will be adding more to it from the archives over time.

## Speeding

We have been monitoring the vehicle speeds on the Shangton Road for the last 4 months, both northbound and southbound. We thought it may be interesting for residents to see. Since installation, in mid-December up until the end of March, 343 500 vehicles were measured going northbound and 258 000 vehicles southbound. Most speeding occurs overnight. For northbound traffic, speeding is mostly

between 4pm and 8am, the overall 85th percentile speed is 31.5mph. For the southbound traffic, most speeding is between 7pm and 7am and the overall 85th percentile speed was 31 mph. On average the speed of vehicles is less than 30mph. We will continue to compare the monthly reports to see that the signs continue to work.

Below are both histograms of vehicle counts, from December to March, and weekly average speeds throughout the day, starting at midnight. The upper show northbound and the lower Southbound.



## Encouraging Biodiversity

New Government guidance suggested that councils have a duty "to consider



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what the council can do to conserve and enhance biodiversity in the area". As a Parish Council, we only have the grass areas which are part of Highway's land in our remit. We will be doing a 'no mow May', as last year, with areas of grass to be kept long to promote insect life for May and into June.

We would like to encourage residents to get involved, with either 'no mow May' or also with their hedgerows. The Tree Council has set up a programme "Life on the hedge" (<https://treecouncil.org.uk/science-and-research/hedgerows/life-on-the-hedge-programme/>) Which is promoting the greatness of hedgerows, both for biodiversity, but also climate impact (carbon/ pollutant capture and flooding prevention). As part of the training, participants can access a hedge laying course.

## Flooding

The Parish Council is looking into the role of flood wardens, as part of our Emergency Response Plan. If you would like to be involved, at present this involves making sure the road gutters are clear during heavy rain events, please contact the Clerk. Leicestershire County Council are also planning on doing some training for this.

## Neighbourhood Watch Scheme

Due to the increased activities at night of late, the council would like to advertise that there is the possibility of setting up a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme. If anyone is interested in taking part, please can they contact the clerk so we can gauge whether to start one up.

## County News

### Elections

The Police and Crime Commissioner Elections are in May at the village hall, a reminder of the requirement now of photo ID.

## Community Safety Partnership

Harborough District Council now have a dedicated Community Safety Partnership Vehicle for the Harborough District funded by the Police and Crime Commissioner. This vehicle will be used in the coming months to increase their engagement with residents across the districts, especially those in more rural areas. It provides a warm dry space with a table and chairs for meeting with the residents.

Usage will include:

- teaming up with our local Police officers to run beat surgeries in locations that don't have a village hall.
- Attending antisocial behaviour hotspots to increase visibility and be available for residents to speak to us.
- Raising awareness of seasonal campaigns
- Use by Community Safety Partners – Police, Fire Service and Turning Point.
- Joint events with our Health and Wellbeing Team

In addition to this, the police would like to remind people of the Neighbourhood link! Of 40,400 households in the district only 293 residents are signed up. This is the main way the force will be communicating with residents, and the police initial target is 10% of households to be signed up. The individual beat priorities are set using the data from Neighbourhood link and tasks the local beat teams will tackle in each area.

The service allows for people to opt into various themes such as ASB or road safety and that they hope to increase sign ups so that they can do more targeted communications. Residents can reply directly to messages through the service and it is a great route to speak directly to their beat teams.

<https://www.neighbourhoodlink.co.uk/>

## Rural Business Grant

Businesses in the Harborough district are encouraged to apply for grant funding again through the Harborough Rural Grant Scheme 2024/25.

### Harborough Rural Grant Scheme

Open Tuesday 26 March until Friday 27 September 2024

The Harborough Rural Grant Scheme is now open for applications!

Eligible applicants can benefit from capital grants between £5,000-£20,000 to support their business to diversify, innovate and grow.

The grants span across four schemes:



Farm Business  
Diversification



Innovation &  
Growth



Green  
Technology



Rural  
Tourism

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