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## Welcome to our SEPTEMBER 2024 edition.

Welcome to this edition of the Bugle. We try to circulate the Bugle, and also periodic Stow updates, via email as well as publishing it on our Parish website and on the Stow Community and Event page on Facebook. If you did not receive this directly and would like to be on our mailing list, please send your name and email address to Clare, who has kindly agreed to manage it for us, on [stowvillage@outlook.com](mailto:stowvillage@outlook.com)

Please circulate the Bugle to anyone you know in the Stow area and, if you know someone who does not have access to a computer, please print them off a copy. There will be a copy placed on the Stow village noticeboard, in St Mary's and on the Parish Council website.

**If you know of someone new who has moved into the Parish (Stow, Normanby, Coates and the surrounding rural area), please let the Parish Clerk know on [stowparishclerk@gmail.com](mailto:stowparishclerk@gmail.com)** and we will arrange to deliver a Welcome Pack to them. Since we introduced the Welcome Pack in March 2021, we have welcomed 38 new households.

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# STOW BUGLE

## THE NEWSLETTER FOR THE RESIDENTS OF STOW PARISH

*Stow, Normanby by Stow, Coates by Stow, and the surrounding rural area.*

### PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

All residents of Stow Parish are welcome to attend the meetings, which will now be held on Thursday evenings at the Cross Keys.

Meetings will be:

Thurs 5th Sept. at The Cross Keys 7p.m.  
 Thurs 7th Nov. at The Cross Keys 7p.m.  
 Thurs 9th Jan. 2025 at The Cross Keys 7p.m.  
 Thurs 6th Mar. at The Cross Keys 7p.m.

The agenda will be posted on our website and Facebook and copies will also be on the village noticeboard and in St Mary's near the Post Office. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

The Stow Parish Council (SPC) website can be found at: <https://stow.parish.lincolnshire.gov.uk>

### POST OFFICE

THE POST OFFICE IS IN ST MARY'S, BEHIND THE ORGAN.

IT IS USUALLY OPEN:

Monday 09.30 – 12.30

Tuesday 13.30 – 16.30

Thursday 09.30 – 12.30

For your Post Office needs plus a small selection of groceries, and newspapers.

The **Mobile library** calls in the village on a monthly basis at 1pm – 1.45pm, stopping on Ingham Road by South Drive. It will be in Stow on the following dates: 28<sup>th</sup> August, 25<sup>th</sup> September, 23<sup>rd</sup> October, 20<sup>th</sup> November and 18<sup>th</sup> December 2024. Contact 01522 782010 for more information.

COMMUNITY LITTER PICK

**STOW PARISH COUNCIL**  
**YOUR VILLAGE**  
**NEEDS YOU**



2pm Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September

Meet at Manor Farm, Stow Park Road for a 2pm start

Please wear thick gloves and sturdy footwear

Children welcome, but must be accompanied by an adult

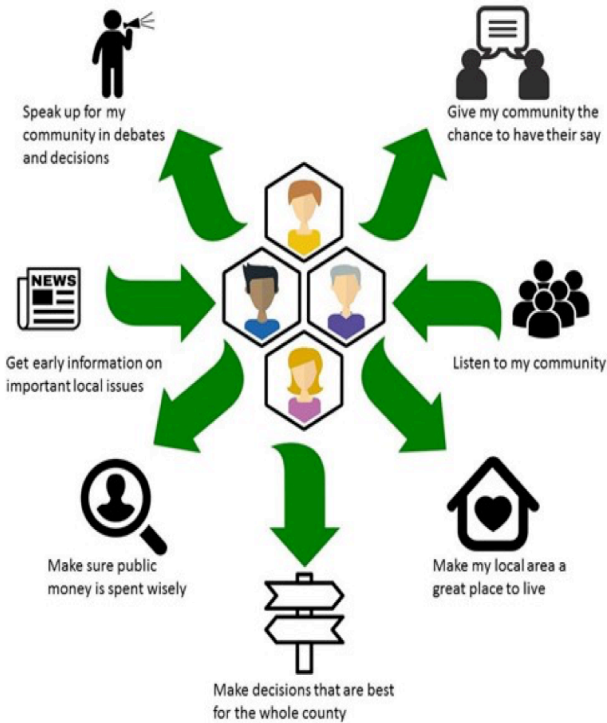
Picking sticks and bags provided.

Most volunteers work in teams of 2 - one to hold the bag and one to use the picking stick. A van is always available to collect any bags you leave on the verges and to pick up any larger items you find.

The more volunteers that help out, the more areas we can cover in a shorter time - the four main routes into the village are usually the priority, but if enough people come along we can also do the public footpaths in and out of the village

If you haven't been before - or if you are a 'regular' - please do come along to help clean up OUR community paths and verges.

A BONUS - is that to thank you for your time and effort, on your return to the farm you are invited to stay for refreshments. If you are not able to come along and pick - maybe you would like to donate some biscuits/a cake/flapjack etc. for the volunteers' refreshments?

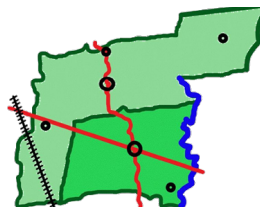


**We have a vacancy on our Council**

**Come and join the Council and help make our village the village you want it to be!**

**As a Parish Councillor you will be able to give your input on all these decisions**

Contact the Parish Clerk at [stowparishclerk@gmail.com](mailto:stowparishclerk@gmail.com)



**STURTON BY STOW AND STOW NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN REVIEW 2024**

We are pleased to announce our minor modifications review has been approved. The revised Plan will be available on the West Lindsey and Stow Parish Council websites.

## PHARMACY SERVICES

All Lincolnshire residents are encouraged to take part in this survey. **Healthwatch Lincolnshire's** latest focus is pharmacy services.

This will support the health and care system to ensure that people's experiences are included in discussions about pharmaceutical services in the county.

By exploring the accessibility and quality of pharmacy services, including the Pharmacy First scheme, they aim to involve more residents in conversations about their health and well-being.

This initiative is part of a continued effort to address health inequalities in Lincolnshire and ensure that everyone's needs are considered.

They are interested in hearing about your experiences with pharmacy services, such as:

Obtaining medications

Access to pharmaceutical advice

Experiences with the Pharmacy First scheme

Quality of care provided

The information you provide is confidential and will be anonymised before sharing. Personal information will never be included in our survey reports.

If you need additional support to complete this survey or would like it in an alternative format, please call 01205 820892 or email [info@healthwatchlincolnshire.co.uk](mailto:info@healthwatchlincolnshire.co.uk)

Thank you for taking the time to share your experiences.

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/KAD58Q/>

## SOLAR POWER

GATE BURTON – approved.

TILLBRIDGE - The Parish Council have registered in readiness to submit our comments. "Parish Information – Stow Parish Council" <https://stow.parish.lincolnshire.gov.uk/parish-information>

Under the heading Solar Projects, you can find our collective comments on the Tillbridge Solar Project. You are welcome to reuse points in your own comments.

COTTAM 1 – decision due on 6<sup>th</sup> September

The Stow Parish Council (SPC) website can be found at:

<https://stow.parish.lincolnshire.gov.uk>

If you look under Parish Information you will find links to information from West Lindsey about **tree maintenance** and also about **River vegetation management** and **reducing flood risk** from the Environment Agency.

## CAN YOU HELP?

Volunteers do a lot around the village, which is much appreciated, but we need some new people to come forward and help.

1. Do you enjoy gardening? A volunteer is needed to manage the border to the right of St Mary's church as you look at the building from the main gate. People often think that this is part of the church land, but it is part of the village green.
2. We want to keep the play park safe. We need a volunteer to check out the play park on a regular basis for rubbish and fallen branches.

**Please contact the Parish Clerk if you can help.**



For more information contact the Secretary, Maria Scott, on 07914961675

Meetings are held (unless stated otherwise) in Sturton Village Hall starting at 7pm.

7 <sup>th</sup> September	2pm Fashion Show in aid of St Barnabas and Sturton WI. Tickets £5. Contact: 07884 444862 or 07867 515285
10 <sup>th</sup> September	History of the Lawn Elaine Johnson
8 <sup>th</sup> October	The Life of an RHS judge Martin Fish
12 <sup>th</sup> November	Going crackers with Gill Town

Non-members are welcome to attend. There will be a charge of £5.



Belated best wishes to Stow's oldest resident, Roger Judd, on his 98<sup>th</sup> birthday.



**Friday 27th September 10am-3pm**

The annual

**Stow Macmillan Coffee Morning and Craft Fayre**, kindly hosted by the Cross Keys.

Raffle, tombola, games, local craft stalls (great for Christmas present ideas), book stall and, of course ... cakes!

Tickets (on the door) £5 - include a drink and cake and a donation to Macmillan

If you would like to donate any tombola or raffle prizes, good quality books for the book stall, make a cake/ tray bake or volunteer to help, please contact Clare on 07805 057583, Hayley at the Cross Keys or Louise on 07817 392419. Donations of books can be collected locally nearer the event.



**136th Annual Show**

**Saturday 5th October 2024**  
**from 1.30 pm till 4.30 pm**

at  
 Sturton-by-Stow Primary School, LN1 2BY

For the exhibition of  
 Agriculture, Horticulture, Arts, Handicrafts and more!

Entry fees all classes 30p — Children's Classes: Free  
**All exhibits must be pre-entered (see inside)**

**\*\* Exhibits must be staged between**  
**7.30am -10am on Show Day or between 8.00-8.45pm**  
**On the Friday evening before the Show \*\***

**Produce** will be sold by Auction following  
 Prize Presentation (4pm Main Hall) & Raffle

**Admission to the Show by Donation at the Gate**  
 Adults: £1 (min) Children: 30p Paid-up Vice-Presidents: Free

Assistance Dogs only

Local entries taken Wednesday before the Show  
 6.30 pm – 8.30 pm in Sturton Village Hall

Web page  
[www.sturtonandstowshow.com](http://www.sturtonandstowshow.com)

Facebook Page  
 'Sturton and Stow Show'



<https://www.west-lindsey.gov.uk/.../smarter-way-report>  
 Easier ways to report full bins.

Contact the Parish Clerk at  
[stowparishclerk@gmail.com](mailto:stowparishclerk@gmail.com)

**STURTON AND STOW SCARECROW TRAIL**  
**14<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER**

Entries by 4pm 7<sup>th</sup> September. £1 entry. Post your entry form at the Cross Keys, The New Plough, the Tastery, Sturton Stores or Sturton monthly market, where forms are also available, or email [sturtonscarecrows@hotmail.com](mailto:sturtonscarecrows@hotmail.com)

**WHAT'S ON**

**AUGUST**  
 28<sup>th</sup> August Mobile Library

**SEPTEMBER**  
 2<sup>nd</sup> September Wellbeing walk – meet 11am Sturton Village Hall (VH)  
 Community café at the Village Hall 12-2pm  
 5<sup>th</sup> September Parish Council Meeting, 7pm The Cross Keys  
 7<sup>th</sup> September 2pm Village Hall, Fashion Show in support of St Barnabas and Sturton WI. VH.  
 10<sup>th</sup> September Sturton and Stow Scarecrow Trail  
 14<sup>th</sup> September Stow community litter pick  
 15<sup>th</sup> September Community café 12 -2pm, VH  
 16<sup>th</sup> September Historical Highlights of the West Lindsey Landscape by Adrian Gray. History Society. 7.30pm VH.  
 18<sup>th</sup> September  
 25<sup>th</sup> September Mobile Library  
 27<sup>th</sup> September Macmillan coffee morning and craft fayre. 10am – 3pm at the Cross Keys

**OCTOBER**  
 5<sup>th</sup> October Sturton and Stow Show  
 7<sup>th</sup> October Walk – meet at the VH 11am and community café 12-2pm @ VH  
 8<sup>th</sup> October WI. VH.  
 11<sup>th</sup> October The only ship to survive an Exocet strike during the Falklands conflict. A talk hosted by Stow Fun Raisers at the Cross Keys. More details to follow on Facebook and in the Village newsletter nearer the time.  
 16<sup>th</sup> October The Christmas Truce & The Angel of Mons by Richard Pullen. History Society. 7.30pm VH.  
 21<sup>st</sup> October Community café 12-2pm VH.  
 23<sup>rd</sup> October Mobile Library

Advance notice:  
 20<sup>th</sup> Nov- Viking Age Lincolnshire by Nigel Amos  
 18<sup>th</sup> Dec- Christmas Social Fun Quiz & A tale of the Lonesome Bransby/Broxholme Chimney - a short talk by Chris Turner