



STOW BUGLE

THE NEWSLETTER FOR THE RESIDENTS OF STOW PARISH

We would have been thinking about issuing the Summer edition of the Bugle shortly, but it is not going to be possible to deliver the usual hard copies in the present lockdown, so we thought we would issue an online/email version.

It was lovely to see so many people making the effort to decorate their houses to mark VE Day. If you are on Facebook, there are some great photos. How nice it is too, to hear so many of you are out on Thursday evening clapping to say thank you to our carers and keyworkers. We also have to congratulate some local celebrities: the minion and the panda, who have had radio and TV coverage because of their efforts at fundraising for the NHS charities. Well done!



There are several things on which to update residents:

- Meetings with Highways about the speed limits and signage
- Flashing speed signs
- Village clock
- Defibrillator
- Benches for the village and play park equipment
- Dog's Trust bags
- Litter Picking
- 'Grow your own'
- Neighbourhood planning
- Parish Council meetings

so please read on.....

Speed Limits and signage

Prior to Lockdown, Parish Councillors met with our County Councillor and the Highways department and it was recognised that the 30mph sign on Ingham Road needs to be moved slightly further out of the village to encourage drivers to slow down more before reaching the bend and entering the village. We are also hopeful the present 50mph zone between Sturton and Stow will be reduced to 40mph.

Seat for the village. The Parish Council has obtained funding via our West Lindsey representative, Councillor Tracey Coulson, for a further seat for the village.

Update on Stow Recreation Fund activities

Defibrillator. The community defibrillator has been purchased and installed on the rear wall of the Cross Keys. The planned training will be re-scheduled after lockdown restrictions are lifted. Our thanks to all at the Cross Keys for their help and co-operation.

Flashing Speed signs on entering the village on Ingham Road and Sturton Road.

Following discussions with the relevant council bodies, two flashing speed signs will be purchased and installed as soon as it becomes possible. These will be rotated between the speed limit signs on the four points of entry to the village.

Electronic winding system for the village clock in the Church tower. The necessary approvals were all obtained just prior to lockdown and work will start as soon as possible, but we have no news on a likely completion date yet.

New signs at the entrance to the village on Ingham Road, Normanby Road, Stow Park Road and Sturton Road. We are still waiting for a meeting with the LCC highways to agree on locations for the signs, but they will be locally produced and be a unique feature for the village.

New bench seats at the Fleets/Ingham Road junction and on Stow Park Road going out of the village past the cemetery and a wheelchair-friendly picnic bench in the playpark. Post lockdown there will a meeting with LCC Highways and the Parish Council to confirm the exact locations and permissions.

Play park equipment. A donation will be made to the Parish Council towards an inclusive piece of play equipment.

If you have any comments on the Stow Recreation Fund projects, then please contact us via email at StowRecreationFund@outlook.com, or on 07805 057583

Clare Ella Secretary Stow Recreation Fund



Dog's Trust

There has been concern about dog fouling. Through Cllr. Coulson, we were provided with bags from the Dog's Trust to be made available free to residents to encourage dog owners to clear up after their pets.

Litter picking

The Community Litter Pick in April had to be cancelled, but we know some of you have been out on your daily exercise route picking up litter, so thank you. If you would like to borrow a picking stick to go on an independent litter picking session, Stow Fun Raisers have a couple that can be loaned out, and are looking at getting a few more if there is demand. They also have a couple of plastic hoops that you attach to a bin bag so that the neck is held open for easier picking. If you would like to borrow either a stick or a hoop, or both, please get in touch with Clare via FB or on 07805 057583 and she can arrange it for you. Thanks again to those of you who have already been picking!

'Grow your own'

This is an initiative to support those of you who are new to growing your own or would like some advice or support. Contact Pauline Organ on: Pauline-organ2@hotmail.co.uk. or 01427 788629 for more information.

Also, if you have spare plants please make them available to other residents.

Neighbourhood Planning

Although there are no meetings at present, work is carrying on: we have finished the Green Space Assessment and have almost completed a piece of work identifying those views that are valued by residents and which we would wish to protect. As far as Stow is concerned, we have reached the 'appropriate level of growth' under the Central Lincolnshire Plan of 17 new houses. We are soon going to be looking at the first draft of the Plan and finalizing the policies we need to put in place. www.sturtonandstowplan.co.uk

Parish Council meetings

Meetings have had to be suspended, but the Parish Council will be holding its first online meeting, using Zoom, at 3pm on Wednesday 27th May, to approve the annual accounts. If you would like to be there, please contact the Parish Clerk for details.

stowparishclerk@gmail.com

Last, but, by no means least: a big **thank you** to all of you who are keeping an eye out for neighbours and friends and doing shopping etc. and to those of you who have volunteered. You make Stow a great place to live.

If you need help contact us via:

- the Stow Community Facebook page
- 01427 788725
- Stovirus@gmail.com

Please email this newsletter on to family and friends in the Parish or give a hard copy to someone who does not have access to the internet. Thank you.