

UTTERBY *Voice*

Your Community Magazine



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Welcome

I hope that you all have had an excellent Christmas. It has been a typical six months since the last edition of the Utterby Voice with the usual issues coming before the council on a regular basis. However for the first time in my memory, both as a resident and a member of the Council, a meeting was cancelled due to us not being quorate. This occurred in September as a result of illness and holidays. It really illustrates the fact that Councillors give their time freely to the village and occasionally their day to day lives must take priority. This is also the case with all the residents who work tirelessly on behalf of the Village Hall and St Andrew's Church. Their contribution in keeping these institutions alive, for the benefit of the whole of Utterby, should never be underestimated or taken for granted. It is vital that more residents become involved in all village matters otherwise these organisations, which are so valuable to our village life, will disappear.

If you really like living in Utterby, then you need to become more involved!

As stated previously, familiar issues continue to come before every Council meeting. Road traffic complaints about the A16 occur every month. The continual inconvenience and frustrations caused by one particular building project in the village is brought up at almost every meeting. Finally, in recent weeks flooding, especially in Grange Lane after really heavy rain has caused residents great concern and annoyance. I have sympathy with all of these matters and our Clerk reports this to relevant ELDC and LCC departments, often with little success. Genuinely it is extremely frustrating to say the least. I feel that we have a decreasing influence on most matters but

nevertheless we will persist in acting in the best interests of Utterby at all times.

The Parish Council continues to maintain verges, hedges and green spaces. Sadly several trees have died on the Village Green and these should have been replaced by the time that you receive this issue. We also plan to plant daffodils in the gaps along the A16 in the next year. The Council were extremely disappointed by the quality of grass cutting this year and we will again be going out for quotations from companies. The Kissing Gate on Church Lane is in a sorry state and estimates are being sought for its repair; the Kissing Gate on the A16 has all but collapsed and so we are looking to replace this. One of the major aims of the Council must be to keep Utterby looking smart and as well presented as possible throughout the whole year.

On a personal note, Councillor Jackie Woodward and I will be leaving Utterby by the end of January. We have lived in the village since September 2010. Moat Farm has been a wonderful home for us but it is time to depart after 13 years. Without doubt, our time in Utterby has been enhanced by our involvement in the village. Many thanks for all your support and friendship during this time.

On behalf of your Parish Council, I send our best wishes for the coming year.

Alan Woodward
Chairman
Utterby Parish Council



Businesses In the Village

Please support our village businesses. If there are any local residents who would like us to include their local business in future publications please contact the Parish Clerk clerk@utterbyparishcouncil.gov.uk

Charlotte's Cleaning Services

Flexible hours, days, weekly or fortnightly
Fully insured, DRB checked - Utterby based
Mob: 07856342008

Happy House Solutions

Painting and bespoke home improvements
Lee & Stella Overall
Melbourne, Main Road, Utterby LN11 0TP
Email: happyhousesolutions5@gmail.com
Mob: 07388515069 or 07899800838

PAC Asbestos Surveys Ltd

We offer asbestos surveys and removal advice to commercial and domestic properties.
Email: Info@pac-asbestos-surveys.co.uk
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SWH Electrical

We are a fully registered and insured electrical installation and maintenance company that operate on all domestic, commercial and agricultural premises.
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St Andrew's Church *News from the Pews*

A year has passed! The year of the coronation of King Charles. A year marked in St Andrew's by Sunday services, lots of coffee and cake, great events, beautiful decorating and valuable fund raising.

Coffee and cake on Saturday mornings in church proved popular as did the Friday morning sessions in the village hall which church members supported in numbers.

We had a record-breaking Snowdrop Sunday where we were almost overwhelmed by the number of visitors. Primrose Sunday was similar. It is always great to see returning visitors as well as new faces. People come for the plants, the legendary cakes and the chance to connect with the church and with friends. Long may it continue.

The funds raised at events pay for the upkeep of the church (energy costs, insurance etc.) and for necessary repairs. We are thankful for the work of the volunteer group who, together with church members, provided fund raising events. This year we have needed new pew heaters and organ repairs. Regular church goers are grateful for this support but so are local people who rely on the church for life events such as baptisms (always joyful!), weddings and funerals. Villagers and other visitors also greatly appreciate the churchyard – again, fund raising is vital to maintain this beautiful and peaceful amenity for all. So thank you to everyone who has been able to give towards church funds this year.

Thanks to a team of helpers, the church has been beautifully decorated for celebrations during 2023. For the Coronation teas, there were extra flowers, bunting and decorated paper crowns from Utterby Academy pupils.

The children again contributed to the Harvest decorations. The outstanding decorations in church created a lovely setting for Harvest Festival Sunday. This year saw the welcome return of the Harvest Supper. Organised and served by the volunteer group, this was held in the village hall and was well supported by church members and villagers.



If we thought the decorators had excelled at Harvest they did it again for Christmas. The church sparkled with a Christmas tree and all the windowsills filled with greenery, baubles and lights. Outside in the churchyard, special lighting created a respectful glow around the gravestones. All for everyone to enjoy.

It has not all been celebration. We were saddened at the beginning of December to learn of the death of Thelma Rose at the age of ninety-five. Thelma was a long time village resident and devoted church member. Her passing marks the end of an era.

What is in store for our church in 2024? It certainly will have challenges but with help and goodwill we can meet them.

Events for 2024

Snowdrop Sunday: 18th February 11.00 am to 3.00pm.

Primrose Day: Sunday 14th April 11.00 am to 3.00 pm.

Everyone most welcome. Plants, cakes and refreshments on sale.

Utterby church wishes you and yours a happy and healthy 2024.

**Linda Sproston,
St Andrew's DCC.**



The Big Tidy Up

Our village tidy up took place in August. Tidy Up Week was in place pre-Covid but was obviously disrupted by the pandemic. I know through conversations that several residents "did their bit". Hedgerows were cleared of litter, bus lay-bys were weeded and swept, drains were cleared of grass and soil at the end of Holywell Lane and Grange Lane and the village planters were prepared ready for renewal in the Autumn.

Hopefully this initiative will become an annual event with more people involved every year. A mention must be made of Mr Graham Dalton who volunteered to repaint the Telephone Box on Grange Lane. We contacted BT Openreach and an impressive package of suitable materials and equipment arrived with which to carry out the work. Many thanks Graham, your support and contributions to Utterby are really appreciated. These boxes are becoming a rarity, especially ones that are still in service, and I feel that it is a feature of the village that would be very sadly missed if it ever disappeared. It is cleaned every month along with the bus shelters.



Lots of residents made an effort



Tidy Church hedge and verge



Verges in Church Lane kept tidy by residents



Cleared drains



Village Green hedge looking splendid



A16 gutters swept



Clean and tidy paths



Houses along the A16



Village sign repainted



Church Lane

Utterby Primary Academy *News*

In the busy classrooms of Utterby Primary Academy we've been experiencing a whirlwind of enriching activities and engaging learning moments. Our thanks go out to Neil from the NSPCC for providing us with sessions on the critical message of 'Speak Out, Stay Safe.' It was an invaluable opportunity for our children to grasp essential knowledge in navigating their world. Science has been a realm of exploration for Morpurgo Class as they immersed themselves in the captivating study of light. Witnessing the marvel of how light travels in straight lines through hands-on experiments has been a highlight, sparking curiosity and wonder among our students. In English, Morpurgo Class have also been captivated by Neil Gaiman's rendition of 'Hansel and Gretel'. Exploring character motivations and delving into the richness of vocabulary within this beautifully described fairy tale has been a journey of imagination and critical thinking.



Venturing beyond the classroom has been a theme for our students. From enchanting encounters with seals at Donna Nook to exploring Christmas displays at a local garden centre, our children have been expanding their horizons and making meaningful connections beyond the school walls.

The spirit of generosity within our community has been shining brightly. Together, we raised £239 for Children in Need 2023 and offered kind donations during our Harvest celebrations, supporting the food bank at Louth Methodist Church. Our MacMillan Coffee Afternoon was also a heartwarming success, raising £230 for this worthy cause. Thank you to everyone who attended and contributed to these fantastic initiatives.

During Interfaith Week, the school came alive with a vibrant celebration of diverse beliefs and cultural understandings. Year 6 pupils joined with pupils from North Thoresby and participated in a joint event hosted at Waltham Tollbar Secondary Academy. The atmosphere buzzed with curiosity and respect as our pupils engaged with members of various local faith communities. They



listened intently to narratives about Christian, Jewish, Hindu, Muslim, and Humanist worldviews, fostering a deeper appreciation for different cultural perspectives. The event wasn't merely about passive learning; it was a platform for active dialogue and understanding. Students asked insightful questions, fostering an atmosphere of mutual respect and learning. It was heartening to witness our young minds embrace diversity with such openness and curiosity. The experience was invaluable, broadening horizons and nurturing a spirit of inclusivity and acceptance within our school community. It's moments like these that truly shape our students into empathetic global citizens, ready to embrace the world with open arms.

Creativity knows no bounds at Utterby, with Kipling Class experimenting with programming Microbits to follow a sequence of codes and commands, as well as diving into the world of abstract art, showcasing their innovation and artistic expression.

The recent archaeological dig in North Thoresby village opened a door to the past, allowing our pupils to become



time travellers for a day. Led by Ian Wright and a dedicated team of local history enthusiasts, our pupils stepped onto the excavation site with wide-eyed wonder. As they sifted through layers of history, uncovering remnants of a time long gone, the air buzzed with excitement and intrigue. From shards of pottery to fragments of tools, each discovery unveiled a fragment of the village's story, weaving together a narrative that had remained buried for centuries.

What made this experience truly remarkable was the hands-on engagement. Our pupils didn't just observe; they actively participated in the uncovering of history. Guided by experts, they learned the meticulous process of excavation, gaining insights into the patience and

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precision required in archaeological endeavours. Beyond unearthing artefacts, the dig fostered a deeper appreciation for local heritage. Pupils connected with the tangible remnants of the past, understanding the significance of preserving and understanding history. It wasn't merely a lesson in archaeology; it was an immersion into the rich tapestry of our village's past. The experience left an indelible mark on our pupils, igniting a newfound curiosity about history and archaeology. It's these hands-on encounters that transform history from a distant subject into a living, breathing narrative, inspiring a generation to cherish and explore their roots.

Lastly, a special thanks to our families for their unwavering support in ensuring regular school attendance. Your dedication has positioned us within the top 1% of schools nationally for attendance, a testament to our collective commitment to education.

As we continue this journey of exploration, learning and community engagement, we look forward to more exciting adventures ahead at Utterby Primary Academy.

With very best wishes for 2024,

Tom Hawkins
Executive Headteacher
Utterby Primary Academy



Christmas Lights

Unfortunately we did not light up the tree on the A16 this Christmas. Despite our best efforts last year the practicalities of trying to decorate a tree with battery powered lighting proved too great. Rain penetrated the battery holders and this made the situation an impossible one with the lights failing. It was a good idea but simply not possible. This year instead, the Parish Council contributed to the cost of the Christmas tree outside the Village Hall.

Verges & Drains

The verges are a wonderful asset to all the lanes in Utterby, on both sides of the village. Please, we urge every resident and any visitors to the village NOT to park vehicles on these areas of grass, especially during the winter months when they are extremely vulnerable. We realise that this is more easily said than done, but the damage caused soon leads to the village looking untidy and unloved. The situation will be greatly improved if everyone plays their part. Similarly with drains; a considerable amount of standing water outside houses could be avoided if drains were to be kept free of debris such as soil, twigs and leaves. It is increasingly obvious that ELDC do not prioritise problems such as this, so it is in our best interests keep the drains clear when we are tidying up our front gardens.

STUART SHARP 1939 - 2023

Sadly, Utterby has lost a valued resident who lived in the village for over 70 years. Throughout this period Stuart was a great friend and servant to Utterby. He was a very talented woodworker. For example Stuart designed and made the oak cover for the font in St Andrew's Church as well as being responsible for the bus shelter on the A16 adjacent to the Village Hall. Stuart was a great source of information about the recent history of Utterby. I spoke to him on several occasions when I needed something clarified or explained about the village. I personally shall miss Stuart and obviously our thoughts at this time must be with his wife Eileen and the rest of his family and friends.



Bus shelter Stuart built

Village Planters We Need Help!

The planters at the entrance to each lane in Utterby continue to enhance our verges. Due to Councillor Jacqueline Woodward and myself leaving the village, we are looking for volunteers to take over the responsibility for the planters. They are replanted two or three times a year and require watering when necessary. Funding for them is provided by the Parish Council. If anyone is interested in helping out, they should contact our Parish Clerk for further details.

clerk@utterbyparishcouncil.gov.uk



Community Coffee Morning

In aid of

**MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT**

In September, we celebrated our one year Utterby Community Coffee Morning anniversary, with the annual Macmillan Coffee Morning. This raised £300 for this national cancer charity.

Thanks to everyone for their generosity.

CHRISTMAS SPECIAL

December, was the Coffee Morning Christmas Special, with the opportunity to purchase some Christmas gifts. This proved very popular. Thanks to Laura, Lucy, Lynn and The Church Mice Crafters for coming along.

We were very grateful for the star raffle prizes of festive afternoon tea for two at Brackenborough Lakes Resort, donated by Tom Lidgard, and a £100 heating oil voucher, from Nicola and John Mackin at Lindsey Fuel.

Profits from the event were used to purchase a music



Christmas coffee morning stalls

player for the Hall. A new, double sided, hanging sign, with the Hall name and phone number, was also purchased, for the post on Main Road. Additionally this event paid for the Hall Christmas decorations.

CHARITY DONATIONS

We always pass on any profits from coffee mornings to charity. Profits are what is left over after we pay for the hall hire cost and some occasional costs for consumables. The home-made cakes and bakes that we provide are donated.

QUIZ NIGHT

We also ventured into the world of quizzing in December. Eleven teams, of up to four, answered Christmas themed trivia, music and picture questions. The evening was extremely well received, so watch this space for a Spring quiz night! Profits were donated to the Hall.

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MacMillan Coffee Morning



All hands on deck for serving the refreshments!



Christmas Quiz Night

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THANKS

We would not be able to run Utterby Community Coffee Morning without the help and support of Ann, Tina, Janet, Ray, Mel and Clare. Thank you for giving your time with baking, helping in the kitchen or delivering leaflets, and for your encouragement and positivity.

SAVE THE DATES

- Friday 9 February: 10am – 12pm** - coffee morning - in aid of Louth & District Parkinson's UK Branch. Their Upbeats Ukulele Band will perform a few numbers for us on the day. Give a donation of your own choice for tea/coffee/cake to support this local group.
- Fri 12 April: 10am - 12pm** coffee morning.
- Monday 29 April: 6pm - 7pm** - we are providing free coffee/tea/cake before the Village Hall AGM.
- Saturday evening date in May** TBC – Quiz Night
- Friday 12 July: 10am - 12pm** - coffee morning
- Friday 27 September: 10am-12pm** - Macmillan coffee morning.

We hope to see you at our February coffee morning.

Val, Simon & Andy

CONTACT INFO

If you'd like to receive reminders of coffee morning dates, send your name to -
utterbycoffeemorning@gmail.com

Owning a Dog

Having a dog means you have to take responsibility for it, but of late there are more and more incidents of dog attacks in the national news.

Microchipping is a legal requirement for all dogs in England, Scotland and Wales.

The Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime & Policing Act 2014 provides Councils with the powers to deal with people who fail to clean up their dog faeces. East Lindsey District Council has a Fixed Penalty for dog fouling currently set at £100.00.

It is best to keep your dog on a lead on the highway and in public areas for everybody's safety, but there are designated areas where dogs MUST be kept on leads. It's against the law to let a dog be dangerously out of control anywhere such as in a public place, in a private place, for example a neighbour's house / garden or in the owner's home. Your dog must not worry livestock. Farmers have a reasonable right to protect their livestock from your dog.

A dog's constant barking can be considered a nuisance and a local authority can serve a Noise Abatement Notice or Community Protection Notice which, if not followed, can result in fines/legal expenses.

It is our responsibility to care for our dogs, to be aware of the laws that affect them and keep them safe from harm. Please be a responsible pet owner so that every one in the village can be happy!

Team Utterby

Team Utterby is a new formed group of enthusiastic Utterby residents whose purpose is to help sustain a village community spirit, so easily lost in this modern world. Many people only return the village for sleep at the end of the day and sometimes don't even know their neighbours. We hope to help them cherish the place where they live.

We are in the early stages of arranging events for the forthcoming year and look forward to welcoming new volunteers prepared to step up to help, bringing with them new ideas as well as their time.

Any money we make from events will be used for the benefit of the village but first call will be for the maintenance of our historic church building and churchyard – without which, Utterby would be faceless.

We recently assisted members of the DCC to decorate the church for Christmas, volunteered at the Christmas evening with Nicky Haxby and had the pleasure of serving teas at the Utterby Primary Academy concert. We are now looking forward to a great 2024, with lots of fun and laughter when we are working together.

Watch out for our news on Facebook, and if you are interested in helping or would like more information please message us at:
<https://www.facebook.com/StAndrewsChurchUtterby>



Village Hall News

Since I wrote to everyone in September, a lot has been happening. This article provides an opportunity for a brief summary of some of those things. A full report will be given at the AGM in April.

GOVERNANCE

The hall now has a committee of 11 volunteer Management Trustees. The first meeting took place in October. Thank you to everyone who has signed up to help with all the work that goes on behind the scenes of running a village hall. Thanks also to our "volunteer helpers" who have carried out repairs and odd jobs.

HIRE AGREEMENT

Booking forms and a Hall Hire Agreement are now in place, setting out terms and conditions of hire. They are required for safety and insurance purposes.

ELECTRICAL INSPECTION

The five yearly Electrical Installation Condition Report (EICR) has been carried out, highlighting urgently required remedial work, to bring the system up to current standards. This work has now been completed, ensuring we meet statutory safety and insurance requirements.

FIRE SAFETY

We spoke to Lincolnshire Fire and Rescue about fire safety. They recommended employing a professional company for a full Fire Risk Assessment of the building. This is booked for January. The resulting report will help reinforce fire safety and highlight any areas that need developing.

REGULAR HIRERS

Thank you to all the groups and organisations who regularly pay to hire the hall. They are Louth & District Parkinson's UK Branch, Utterby Community Coffee Morning, Friends of Utterby Primary Academy, Made in the Shade (band), Louth Fencing Club, Lynn Norris, Artist and Utterby Parish Council. Vital bookings also come from party hires, events and meetings.

Over the year, we have provided a space for a range of activities including

- community coffee mornings
- watercolour art classes
- local band rehearsals
- ukulele group rehearsals
- drama group rehearsals
- Parish Council meetings
- local churches group meetings
- AGMs
- toddler group
- children's parties
- family celebrations
- fencing practise
- community quiz evening
- children's school disco
- wreath making workshop
- harvest supper



The hall has to generate its income from regular bookings, without which we would not be able to pay the bills and keep the hall open.

HIRING THE HALL

There is space for up to 60/70 people seated or up to 100 standing.

Hire rates are £15 per hour, with some saver rates and additional discounts for Utterby residents and regular Hirers. The small, carpeted area (including kitchen use) can be hired separately at £10 per hour.

We always need bookings!

WHAT DO YOU WANT?

We need to know how you want to use this facility. How can it be best utilised in 2024 and beyond?

You may be interested in running events, classes or meetings yourself, or you may know someone looking to do so. Do you have ideas of things you would support and attend, if they were available?

Or, you may feel times have changed and question whether a village hall is still relevant or useful for a community today/in the future?

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Whatever your views and ideas, please let us know.

SAVE THE DATE

We are planning our Annual General Meeting for Monday 29 April 2024. Free coffee/tea and cake will be available from 6pm. The meeting will start at 7pm.

Everyone is invited to attend. A reminder will be sent nearer the time.

We look forward to your support in 2024.

Simon Lashbrooke-Small

ACTING CHAIR

On behalf of Utterby Village Hall Management Committee

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**PLEASE
SUPPORT
YOUR
VILLAGE
HALL**



**Please Pick Up
Your Litter /
Dog Poo and
Keep Utterby
Looking Lovely**

Stand for your Parish Council

As you may have read earlier in this edition, Cllr Alan and Cllr Jackie Woodward are leaving the village. As councillors, they can stay in post until the next council elections in 3 years (although they will no longer qualify to stand afresh as councillors), but it is not practical for them to be councillors when they no longer live here. This being the case, both councillors (and Alan being the Chairman) will stand down during the first half of the year in 2024.

As soon as they resign, East Lindsey District Council are notified, and at that point if no request for an election is received by Utterby Parish Council (by the date on the Notice of Vacancy), the ELDC Elections Department will advise the Parish Council that it may co-opt to the vacancies.

Co-option is the process by which the Parish Council selects a new Councillor and it is undertaken as an agenda item within a monthly Parish Council meeting.

The Parish Council manages the process of co-option by itself and strives to demonstrate that it is fair and equitable.

Qualifications for standing for election or co-option

1.1 To be able to stand as a candidate for a parish council in England you must:

- be at least 18 years old
- be a British, Commonwealth or other European Union Citizen and not require leave to enter or remain in the United Kingdom or have indefinite leave to remain, and meet at least one of the following four qualifications:
 - (a) registered as a local government elector for the area of the parish of Utterby.
 - (b) have, during the whole of the preceding 12 months occupied as owner or tenant land or other premises in the parish of Utterby.
 - (c) principal or only place of work during the preceding 12 months has been in the parish of Utterby.
 - (d) have during the whole of the preceding 12 months resided in the parish of Utterby or within 4.8 kilometres of it.

If you are interested in standing as a Parish Councillor when the vacancies become available, please contact the Parish Clerk on clerk@utterbyparishcouncil.gov.uk or call 07932 000341.

Check out the Parish Council website
utterby.parish.lincolnshire.gov.uk/



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Useful Contacts

Abandoned Vehicles	ELDC	01507 601111
Blue Badge Scheme	LCC	01522 782232
Bus Pass	LCC	01522 873700
Call Connect		0345 2343344
Citizens Advice Louth		0808 278 7904
Crime Stoppers		0800 555111
Dog Wardens	ELDC	01507 601111
Floodline	Env. Agency	0345 9881188
Fly tipping	ELDC	01507 601111
Highways	LCC	01522 782070
Lifelong Learning	LCC	01522 782011
Missed bins	ELDC	01507 601111
Mobile Libraries	LCC	01522 782010
Parish Clerk	Parish Council	01507 328149
Pest Investigation Advice	ELDC	01507 601111
Police Non-emergency Number		101
Streetlights	LCC	01522 782070
Trading Standards	Citizens Advice	0808 223 1133

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How the Parish Council Works

The Parish Clerk works for and with the Council to action its decisions. The main role of a Parish Councillor is to represent the views of all residents within the Parish, to listen to and understand the views and needs of residents and different groups in the community. The precept is the parish council's share of the council tax. The precept demand goes to the billing authority, East Lindsey District Council, which collects the tax for the Parish Council. The Parish Council may only undertake actions if it has a statutory power to do so and it must also fulfil certain obligations.

Have you ever wondered what your council tax pays for in Utterby?

We try very hard to use the precept wisely and with best value always a priority.

Your Parish Council owns/maintains the following.

4 Bus Shelters

Kissing gates (x 2)

Decorative village sign

Parish notice board

Planters at the end of four lanes and on main road

Village Green, hedge and trees on the green

Two park benches on Village Green

Millennium oak tree and bench

Lockable cabinet, located in Utterby Village Hall for the safe keeping of Parish Council records.

Laptop computer and laser printer

The Council facilitate contracts related to:

Cleaning of Bus Shelters

Cutting of Village Green grass and hedges

Cutting of A16 grass verges (in the main village)

All tree work required to Parish Council trees

Pest control to village green and verges when required

Utterby Parish Council organise/administer

Parish Clerk's salary

The Utterby Voice

The Parish Council website and Facebook page

The Annual Parish Meeting

Utterby Parish Council check on behalf of other agencies

Telephone Box (Open Reach)

Packhorse Bridge (LCC)

