

# UTTERBY *Voice*

*Your Community Magazine*



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# Welcome

Welcome to a new year in Utterby and I trust you all had a pleasant break as we now look forward to the Spring and the famed village annual display of snowdrops.

Utterby Parish Council has been subject to much change in 2024 and we have a large proportion of new councillors. I progressed as Chairman replacing Matthew Wright due to his work commitments, Jaqui Clifford, Andy Lashbrooke-Small and Marc Travers are very welcome new faces joining Tina Bryan and Terry Buckley who have remained on the council. Also in the Autumn Tony Shaw took over as clerk from Maria Vincent who had provided superb service over some years.

We hope to present a wide opinion of experience and views from both long term and new residents, old and young, farm and village, working and retired.

We presently have a vacancy for a councillor and I hope that someone will volunteer for Co-option: Not an arduous task, but one in which I hope an Utterby resident will take full opportunity to take part in discussions, debate and make suggestions on our future.

You hopefully will have noticed several improvements in the parish over the last few months which include: Mandatory speed reductions to 30 mph on the A16 through the village which has noticeably made a difference on traffic flow through the village. There has been enquiries to graduate the speed reduction to 40 as a precursor to the 30 for which we are allowing a period to obtain supporting evidence for further change as required and would welcome residents' input on this matter. Replacement of the kissing gate and fence at the A16 Northbound bus stop and improved road safety markings on Church Lane at the Western end.

A fully automatic defibrillator is now mounted on the village hall which reflects the demographics of our residents and the likely delay of professional ambulance support.

Flooding has again been a major concern this year both in the Jacobs Close and Green area and Church Lane, and we are working closely with the ELDC and LCC Highways to find a solution to hopefully improve the ease of water to run through rather than back up in our village. Certainly, there has been periodic flooding in Church Lane for a great many years and we are striving to address the issue.

It did not escape our attention that a petition appeared briefly by Utterby children in the summer who were keen to have a designated play area and equipment in Utterby. Personally, I think it encouraging that children can show

involvement in their future in the village and would encourage those with such a passion to come along to our public forum to state their case.

Of course, the overwhelmingly older demographic of our village will limit the demand and enthusiasm for such a development, safety and its maintenance, and of course it would be a huge and major expense on our restricted budget! I therefore would welcome any suggestions from our residents as to thoughts of its impact and viability in relation to our small but effective village green which may be better suited for more inclusive village events reflecting the majority.

As a council we pledge to act according to the feedback and desires of our residents and electors and always remain open and welcome to suggestions from both the very young and the old.

Utterby is a small village which has a long history and I encourage you all to take part in our activities whether in the Village Hall, (which has impressively expanded its activities greatly this year), the Church or Utterby village projects. It is important that we work together in conjunction with all interests to create an inclusive and happy environment for all.

Utterby Academy of course caters for the future and we are active in securing the road safety of its environs. Both the Church and the Village Hall are predominant in welcoming visitors to our parish and the historic Packhorse bridge.

Please keep an eye on the notice board and feel free to voice any concerns and opinions at our monthly council meetings which are open to public debate at every commencement.

On behalf of the Council, I wish you all well and hope you have a happy and prosperous 2025.

**Robert Newton**  
**Chairman**  
**Utterby Parish Council**



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# St Andrew's Church *News from the Pews*

Church services continue to be held in St Andrew's Church on the fourth Sunday in the month at 10.00am. Since the foundation of the Church of England in 1534, this church has been the focal point of village life in Utterby, bringing together people from all walks of life and all ages, be they Christian, from other faiths and even those who have no faith. This place is the corner stone of a village community.

The latter part of 2024 saw numerous activities taking place in and around the church and in various ways throughout the year we counted at least 30 volunteers, again from all walks of life, giving their time to work together. A perfect example of how our community works.

In September, in conjunction with the Wolds and East Coast open churches festival, we held a Festival of British homegrown flowers. We were initially disappointed by the lack of response from the village who had been invited to help by providing flowers from gardens but that disappointment soon vanished when the doors opened. We were inundated with visitors from throughout the county who came to see what our talented florists had achieved with their simple homegrown flowers – displayed in keeping with the modern green ethos by not using florist foam!

A demonstration of making floral headdresses and button holes kept folk's interest throughout the day and we sold homemade preserves, cakes, books and plants from our outside market stalls and served delicious refreshments inside the church.

When Harvest Festival time came in October, unfortunately, through lack of interest, we had to cancel the harvest supper that had been scheduled to be held in the Village Hall however, the Harvest Services in the church were well received. Father Terry came with his dog Barney to conduct the Sunday service and the church was full for the Utterby Academy service. There



*The Flower Festival*



*The Pumpkin Trail*



were plenty of food gifts taken to the Louth Food Bank following both Harvest services.

Thanks to Poppy Rhodes, we have enjoyed more events for children this year and in October her plans for the Pumpkin Trail to and from the church resulted in almost a hundred people turning up. Families followed the trail round the village and finished in the churchyard roasting marshmallows on fire pits, drinking hot chocolate and devouring hot dogs. So many little children dressed for Halloween was a joy to see.

What a magnificent close to the year with our Christmas festivities. Thanks to all contributors to the Christmas Tree festival, our church looked magnificent. We had exhibits from the village as well as from Clive Rhodes Interiors, Greenwich House School, The Livesey Arms and The Grove Care Home in Waltham. Utterby Academy played their part by decorating trees and holding a poster competition to promote the event. All the pupils entered art work which was displayed in the church and the three winners were awarded prizes:



*Mary and Joseph and the choir of Greenwich House School*

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## St Andrew's Church *continued*

Rhys Hooper, Robin Smith and Leo Toll.

The school concerts were a joy and the village Carol Concert was really lovely when Greenwich House School choir sang and little Mary sat on the front of the stage with weary Joseph, waving to her family throughout the whole performance. Father Terry and dog Barney came along, Barry Whitfield played our church organ and David Frost, Christian West and Indie and Darcy Rhodes read poems and Christmas stories.

As an introduction to the concert, the saxophone quartet Saxworks played jazzy Christmas music as the audience took their seats clutching a glass of mulled wine and mince pie. The building was full with standing room only, the Christmas lights twinkled and the Carols were sung with great gusto. Funds from the Christmas events went to provide toiletries for EDAN in Louth – a charity which provide help to people suffering from domestic abuse.

Thanks to the support of TEAM Utterby, St Andrew's Church has enjoyed a particularly good year in 2024 with lots of interesting activities taking place. Without this support, maintaining the church would be a challenge.

We look forward to the first church council meeting of the New year, when we will be discussing a new programme for 2025. This will be published on a card which will be dropped in every letterbox and which will also be available to collect at the church. Our traditional Snowdrop Sunday will be held on the 9th February, Primrose Sunday on 6th April and at a date in May, yet to be agreed, we will provide a buffet supper for an evening with Lewis Ingoldmells who has kindly agreed to give his time to tell us about his work as Chief Pilot for the Notts Lincs Air Ambulance.

This year, the DCC will be discussing further repair and



*Fixing the church roof*

maintenance work to our lovely historic building. The roof has recently been repaired and there will be some discussion about improving the entrance, removing some pews and internal redecoration.

You will find a book stall inside the church for bringing and buying books. Why not have a browse?

The church remains open as a haven of peace for those wishing to take time out. We are a dog friendly church and it costs nothing to enter – the wire door sometimes needs a little kick to open!

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## Stand for your *Parish Council*

We currently have a vacancy for a Parish Councillor at Utterby which we hope to fill as soon as possible by co-option.

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.

A list of criteria for eligible candidates can be found on the parish council's website, but if you are interested in standing as a Parish Councillor please contact the Parish Clerk on [clerk@utterbyparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@utterbyparishcouncil.gov.uk) or any current councillor. Please see the back cover for contact information.

# Photos of our Beautiful *Village*

The Utterby Voice is for your information and as a welcome to all new residents and we encourage any articles or pieces of interest on Utterby and its environs. We also would like to promote any budding photographers to send in any scenic or images of interest for inclusion in this periodical.

If enough interest is gained then perhaps a competition will be made in the future, please watch this space and send in your snaps by email to any of the Councillors or the Parish Clerk (see back page for details).

As a first suggestion the Parish Council Chair has provided some of our glorious sunsets over the village.



## Village *News*



### **Defibrillator**

After much delay over the years Utterby now has a defibrillator on the A16 village hall and I would urge you all to note its position which is on the side wall of the Village Hall.

In cases of cardiac emergency this is an essential support device which can be reached and used whilst emergency services are on the way which in a village location may be an anxious wait.

This in no way replaces and is secondary to the main treatment of CPR which must be maintained until the Defib is fetched. Any treatment made at all can be invaluable in saving life. First provide support to the casualty and maintain this whilst calling for assistance for ambulance and to fetch the defib.

The device does have a set of instructions and an audio support. To make the process less daunting and to promote life-saving first aid, we plan on providing a free training course for CPR and the use of the defibrillator in conjunction with our friends on the village hall committee, and would welcome as soon as possible expressions of interest to determine demand for such a course.

Free training and familiarisation courses, only a few hours in duration and held by medical support teams, will be an invaluable life skill and are intended to be a part of the village hall curriculum and council promotion.

Please contact any Councillor or the Parish Clerk to express interest in taking part as soon as possible and indicate day or weekend availability preference. Please see the back cover of this magazine for contact details.

### **Neighbourhood Watch Scheme**

In a bid to foster a safer village and cohesive community, Utterby Parish Council is considering a proposal to establish an ambitious "Village-wide" Neighbourhood Watch scheme.

Neighbourhood Watch schemes are community-led initiatives where residents collaborate to monitor/reduce crime in their local area and raise non-crime related safety concerns where necessary. The proposed initiative wishes to enhance existing links between residents, police, and community leaders, and aims to improve the safety, security and quality of life in our Village.

A Neighbourhood Watch Scheme operates by providing a dedicated public forum for discussion, and would feature a combination of regular meetings, locally displayed scheme signage, a dedicated social media group, opportunities for learning, and a directory of services for use in case of emergencies.

Utterby Parish Council are keen to hear your views on this proposal. Please can all feedback or expressions of interest for involvement in this scheme be submitted to Tony Shaw, Parish Council Clerk via email at [clerk@utterbyparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@utterbyparishcouncil.gov.uk).

# Utterby Primary Academy News

## A Challenging Start to the New Year!

It was an interesting start to the new calendar year with some unexpected flooding around the school building to greet us on the first day back, following a period of heavy rain. Thankfully we navigated the situation without any major damage and the extra flood prevention installations we put in place following a near miss as a result of Storm Babet in October 2023 certainly made the difference this time around. Further works on the school site will be required to try to suppress what was again quite a close call. It was certainly a wet beginning, but we quickly got back into the swing of the term.

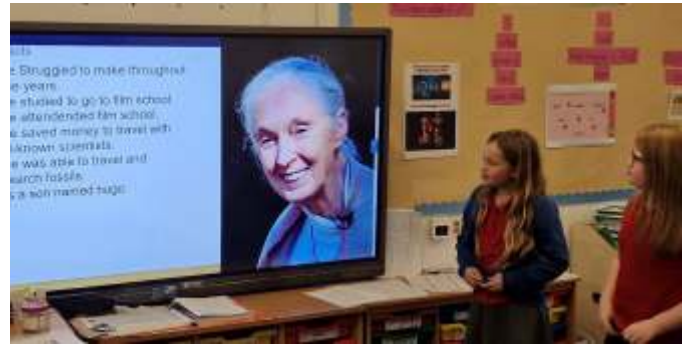


## Classroom Highlights

In Donaldson Class (EYFS & Year 1 & 2) the children have started the year learning about the Great Fire of London. They discovered how a single spark from a bakery oven in Pudding Lane started the devastating fire in 1666, and why it spread so quickly. In Maths pupils mastered the months of the year, using paper chains and singing songs as part of their new unit on 'Time', whilst in Art the class explored mark-making techniques using charcoal and paint, showcasing their creative flair!

In Kipling Class (Year 3 & 4) the pupils have been looking at Ancient Egyptian Art, examining the techniques used thousands of years ago and tried representing elements using a range of media. In Computing the children studied the inputs, outputs, and internal components of a computer, even building a model to represent the chipset, whilst in coding, as part of their digital literacy work, Kiplings created animations in Scratch, writing code and editing variables to bring their ideas to life.

The children in Morpurgo Class (Year 5 & 6) have been studying life cycles of birds, amphibians, insects, and



plants in their Science lessons. They concluded the unit by researching Jane Goodall and delivering presentations about her work, demonstrating fantastic oracy skills. In Geography the children studied Mapping the World, which had the pupils exploring various map types, their uses and developing their knowledge of cartography.

## Festive Fun Recap

We ended last term with plenty of Christmas cheer. In the run up to Christmas we were delighted to be invited to contribute to the Christmas Tree Festival at St Andrew's. Our decorations featured a Tractor Run theme, with intricate fabric pieces sewn together by the children. In the last week of term St Andrew's once again played host for our two smashing Christmas performances. Every child shone brightly, and it was wonderful to see so many families and friends supporting them. Huge thanks to Penny and the team for making the church look so amazing!

As a treat the children enjoyed a fabulous Christmas Puppet Show: The children adored this delightful re-enactment of the Christmas story, with puppets singing their hearts out! A special thank you to Paul Fox, our Chair of Academy Council, and Louth Methodist Church for a fabulous performance.



Finally in the Christmas run in, the Friends of Utterby organised an amazing Craft Day for the whole school. The children thoroughly enjoyed creating festive decorations. Thank you to Gail Buckley, Jayne Darby and the team for making the day so memorable.

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## Sports Competitions

In November our football team gave an excellent performance at an interschool football competition in Louth. With 2 wins, 1 draw, and 1 loss, we secured 4th place overall from 12 teams. The children displayed fantastic teamwork and support throughout - well done, team!



## Road Safety

The roads around the school are far from ideal. Whilst we are a small school we are also a full school, which means it can get very busy around the school grounds at drop off and pick up times. Unfortunately the infrastructure around the school does not lend itself well to accommodating so many cars and buses at busy times. We make it work as best as we can, but we are always mindful that it could be better and could be safer. Thankfully we've never had any accidents, but the potential is there. In 2025 we will be working with a range of local partners to really see what we can do to push this further up the agenda. Should a petition or similar come your way we would be very grateful for any wider community support on this important topic.



Being proactive, all the children took part in Road Safety Workshops before the holidays. The children had brilliant knowledge of how to keep safe when crossing the road or even when just being near a road. We discussed how quiet electric cars are and to always stop, look and listen! Pupils also practiced crossing the road whilst continuing to look both ways. Older children were told about the importance of wearing a helmet when riding a bike or a horse, shown the correct way to adjust a cycling helmet and a sacrificial egg was used to demonstrate the difference between an impact with and without protection.

Spring Term will be bringing with it a whole host of exciting activities for the children as we start to once again get out and about on our trips and visits. I look forward to the next edition to update you on all the children have seen, done and learnt over the remainder of the academic year.

Warm regards,

**Tom Hawkins and the Utterby School Team**



## 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](mailto:clerk@utterbyparishcouncil.gov.uk)

### Charlotte's Cleaning Services

Flexible hours, days, weekly or fortnightly  
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### PAC Asbestos Surveys Ltd

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### SWH Electrical

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# Community Coffee Morning

In aid of

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CANCER SUPPORT**

Utterby Community Coffee Morning began in September 2022 to provide an opportunity for friends and neighbours to meet up over a cuppa. We sell tea/coffee and home-made cakes/bakes, paying to hire the Hall from the takings and then donating profits to charities and good causes which sometimes includes the Village Hall.

Utterby Village Hall is the location for these coffee mornings, but the Hall committee does not run them. They are organised and run by Utterby residents Val, Andy and Simon, for the local community. We will continue to run them as long as they are needed and are supported. Everyone is always welcome.

In July we supported "Be Inspired" Art Exhibition by artist Lynn Norris and students.

This was a really successful event, giving these local artists a chance to showcase (and sell) some of their brilliant artwork in advance of a full exhibition the following day. Look out for this event again in June 2025. Profits we made from this coffee morning paid for some ambient, coloured lighting for the Hall and refreshments for a ukulele concert held for Year 5 and 6 children from Utterby Primary Academy.

We held our annual Macmillan Coffee Morning on 27 September. Fewer people attended than in previous years but £215 was raised for Macmillan. The Blakemore Foundation (SPAR) donated a £30 "in kind" goods voucher which we were able to use towards purchasing some coffee morning consumables for this event.



In October we provided refreshments for Grimsby and Louth Ramblers AGM. We donated £70 profits to the Hall.

On 6 December the Christmas Coffee Morning took place, with houseplants, wooden gifts, art and handicrafts on sale alongside.



A raffle was also held including prizes kindly donated by local businesses Lindsey Fuel and Energy Services and Emily's Blooming Cake Company. The Blakemore Foundation (SPAR) once again donated a £30 goods voucher towards this event, which we used towards further raffle prizes. Refreshment sales and the takings from the raffle enabled us to donate £330 to Utterby Village Hall.

Thanks as always to Ann, Ray, Clare, Mel, Tina, Jaquie and Janet for their ongoing help and support with leaflet deliveries, baking donations and help in the kitchen.

Val, Andy and Simon  
AKA - Utterby Community Coffee Morning

Contact us at [utterbycoffeemorning@gmail.com](mailto:utterbycoffeemorning@gmail.com) for any further information.





# Team Utterby

Our group set out full of enthusiasm at the start of 2024. We had arranged so many village events that by December, we were rather weary and looking forward to a Christmas break!

As well as supporting events for the church, in July, we held a Table Top Sale for all the village to take part in. This was an opportunity for folk to clear out their houses and garages and sell their unwanted items from their own doorstep. As soon as the sale opened at 11.00am, the regular car boot sellers and market traders arrived with their vans to pick out the best to sell on to their own customers. Dave Whitehall, Mike Bryan and Paul Crane were directors of operation from the village hall car park and managed to control traffic and people safely throughout the day. The café in the village hall proved very popular, selling bacon and sausage baps and homemade cakes. The profit was shared between the village hall and the church.

On a very wet day in November, we were back at the Village Hall – this time for a Craft Fair. Among the stalls were jewellery makers, cake makers, wood craft work and our TEAM UTTERBY also had a stall selling our own home-made preserves, pickles and cake. In spite of competition from the Victorian market day in Louth, we found we had lots of visitors who stopped by after seeing the roadside notices. In conclusion, it was another very successful event.

We had a meeting early in the New Year and are now revived and raring to go again and we have a terrific year ahead with a programme of activities for all ages. We will



*The Table Top Sale*



*In safe hands at the Table Top Sale!*

continue to support events at the village church as well as hosting a number of events specifically to entertaining families.

On Saturday 22nd February, at 11.00am bring your children to hunt for the Fairies and Elves hiding in the church and then again in April – more hunting, this time for Easter eggs hidden in secret places in the churchyard.

We would love to see more families, so please contact us as we have lots planned and can share ideas and see if there is something you might like to help with.

We have identified our team members skills but would like to encourage more volunteers to step in for the odd hour or two and give a hand when we have busy days. Our programme for 2025 includes VE Day celebrations on May 8th when we will hold a party early evening for all the village to join. Bunting, dressing up, games and supper for all the family.

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# Village Hall News

## UTTERBY VILLAGE HALL - MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE UPDATE

### OUR FRIEND CHRIS

We begin with the sad news of the loss of our dear friend and committee member Chris Bateman who sadly passed away at the start of January. He will be greatly missed by us all and everyone who was lucky enough to know and love him. Our continued love and support goes to his wife Di. In the Spring we will be planting a tree in his memory at the Hall garden.

### GOVERNANCE

Managing and running the Hall continues. A modern, accessible Constitution and a Financial Governance policy have been developed, based on the original 1948 Trust Deed and Charity Commission Guidance. Please find these on our website.

Our Annual General Meeting will take place on Monday 28 April 2025 at 7pm.

### FINANCE

The Hall is a registered charity (No.508185), run by volunteers. It has to pay for all running costs, insurance, repairs, maintenance and improvements from the income generated by hire fees and any occasional donations received. It does not receive ongoing government or county funding.

Particular thanks to all our regular users that hire our facilities and keep the funds coming in. Without them the Hall would not be financially viable.

We are grateful to the following organisations for grants and donations which will contribute towards improvement work -

- ◀ East Lindsey District Council and Utterby Parish Council for one off grants of £500 each.
- ◀ Team Utterby for donations totalling £340.
- ◀ Utterby Community Coffee Morning for donations totalling £400.



*New pointing before and after*



*Interior work progresses*

### BUILDING & SITE

We have created a development plan, "Utterby Village Hall...Today...Tomorrow...the Future". It sets out priorities for repairs, developments and improvements over the coming five years. Please see the website for full details.

The fabric of the building has required a great deal of attention. Much needed lime mortar repointing and repairs to parts of the roof took place in the Autumn and another heater was added to the Coffee Area. Work to address extensive damp issues along the North wall of the main hall, followed by re-plastering and decoration, was carried out during January 2025.

You will see that a Defibrillator has been installed on the exterior of the Hall. This equipment is owned and maintained by Utterby Parish Council. We look forward to supporting them with any community training they may provide for using the equipment.

We would like to thank Michael and Maureen Wills for kindly donating some Christmas decorations to the Hall.

### CONTACT INFORMATION

Please get in touch if you would like to...

- ◀ hire the Hall for any activities, groups, parties, events or meetings.
- ◀ ask anything about the Hall.
- ◀ make any suggestions for events or activities.
- ◀ volunteer or get involved.
- ◀ make a cash donation to our charity.
- ◀ donate cleaning or housekeeping products.

The best way to get hold of us is by email [thevillagehallutterby@gmail.com](mailto:thevillagehallutterby@gmail.com)

You can also find us on INSTAGRAM, FACEBOOK and THREADS.

Our phone number is 07394 957227 but the phone signal

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can be patchy, so try sending a text or WhatsApp or leave a Voicemail. Additionally...you can contact us by dropping a note into the post box on the side of the Hall. Please include your name and contact details in all messages and enquiries.

All information about Utterby Village Hall can be found on our website at [www.utterbyvillagehall.org](http://www.utterbyvillagehall.org)  
You can scan the QR Code to take you there. Thank you to everyone that supports the Hall.



**Utterby Village Hall Management Committee**

## A16 Speed Reduction

By now, I am sure that all Utterby residents, and most people who regularly drive along the A16 from Louth to Grimsby, will have noticed the reduction in the speed limit through the Village from 40 mph to 30 mph.

Although the 30 mph regulations only came into effect in September, residents can already appreciate the difference that the lower speed limit is having on crossing the road, or trying to turn onto the A16 from one of our side roads. There is simply more time to pull out onto the road with cars and lorries travelling at 30 mph rather than 40 mph.

Travelling north, the new 30 mph limit starts just south of Ings Lane, runs through the main body of the Village, and the ends just past Chapel Lane, where the limit increases back to 50 mph. We are aware that there a number of houses that sit in this 50 mph zone.

The campaign to reduce the speed limit to 30 mph started a couple of decades ago, and the A 16, and its impact on the village, has always been a primary concern of the majority of residents. New residents of Utterby quickly recognise the negative impact of traffic on this road. Volume, speed, noise, pollution and safety have been discussed at almost every Parish Council meeting, and the Council's Parish clerk has communicated these concerns regularly with East Lindsey District Council (ELDC) and Lincolnshire County Council (LCC) without much success.

Over the years the Parish Council has discussed the use of speed guns operated by villagers or mobile digital speed checks on trailers (to be shared by other neighbouring villages), and Mike and Maureen Wills organised a petition within the village to try to gather evidence of speeding. The Parish Council noted the increase in road traffic accidents within the village boundaries and again this was communicated with the Police, ELDC and LCC. We are grateful that all of these efforts were always supported by ELDC Councillor Edward Mossop and LCC Councillor Alex Hall.

Almost every edition of the Utterby Voice has highlighted



the Parish Council's efforts to improve the situation and we have aimed to keep Utterby residents fully informed of our efforts. Sadly, it was an inevitable and tragic accident that brought our fears to fruition, when Denii Reynolds, from Grimsby, died when her Citroen C1 hit a Vauxhall Corsa on the A16 in Utterby in October 2021. All four men involved in this accident were jailed for more than a total of 30 years due to their high speed race at "simply stupid" speeds along the A16. As a result of this accident Councillor Alex Hall continued to represent our concerns at County Council level and eventually, after much frustration, the speed reductions were put in place.

Clearly this has been a success for Mike and Maureen, Alan and Jackie Woodward, and everyone involved in the campaign to reduce the A 16 speed limit through Utterby. I would like to thank Alan and Jackie for the background information for this article.

Utterby Parish Council are now monitoring the situation as the new speed limit beds in. But we are keen to hear from any Utterby Resident on your thoughts on the change of the speed limit. We would also like to hear from residents who still live alongside the 50 mph stretch of the A 16, and whether you have also seen any improvements?

Sadly it took a long campaign, accidents and a tragic death, to achieve the outcome we all wanted, but we got there in the end, and Utterby is now a safer village than it was.

Councillor Andrew Lashbrooke-Small

# Utterby Parish Council

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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

## 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.

Difibrillator outside the Village Hall

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)

Check out the Parish Council website  
[utterby.parish.lincolnshire.gov.uk/](http://utterby.parish.lincolnshire.gov.uk/)



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