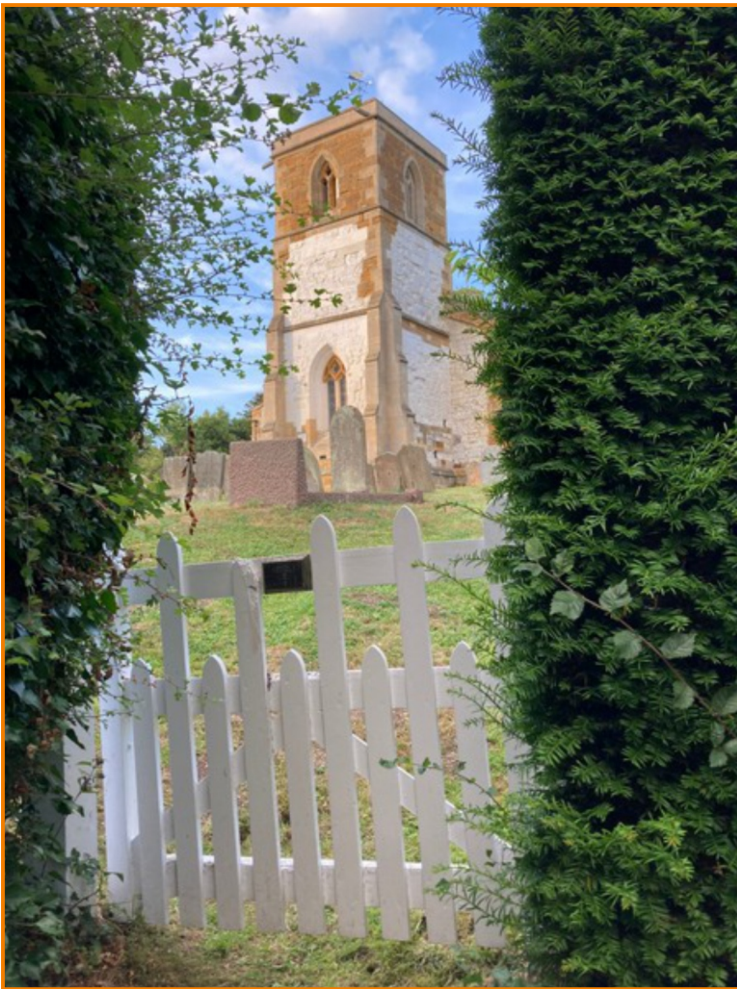


UTTERBY *Voice*

Your Community Magazine



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Parish Council *News*

Hello and welcome.

I am pleased to introduce this latest edition of the Utterby Voice, providing an update on Parish Council activity since February 2026. In recent months, the council has progressed a wide range of matters affecting the village, with continued focus on infrastructure, community engagement, planning, and longer-term asset development. Our aim remains to represent Utterby, and the views of its residents, with diligence, transparency, and respect for its character.

Planning matters continue to be a significant part of our work. We review all applications and consultations submitted to East Lindsey District Council (ELDC), including those relating to renewable energy and local development. This includes ongoing scrutiny of the large-scale North Ray Solar Farm proposals, ensuring the Parish Council remains informed and able to represent local views. Although few parish-related decisions have been issued recently, we continue to assess all submissions carefully and provide observations where appropriate to safeguard the village's landscape, heritage, and residential environment.

Highways and drainage also remain key areas of focus. We maintain regular communication with Lincolnshire County Council (LCC), which is responsible for all adopted highways, drainage, signage, visibility matters, and public footpaths. The Parish Council also continues to pursue the introduction of 40mph buffer zones at both A16 approaches to the village, reflecting longstanding resident concerns about vehicle speeds. Matters raised by residents remain central to this work, and previously reported issues relating to highways and drainage continue to be followed up with the relevant authority.

Community assets and infrastructure have seen improvement. The Parish Council recently declined LCC's proposal to replace all existing wooden bus shelters with generic metal units — an unpopular proposal when presented to both residents and councillors. Consequently, the Parish Council chose to support refurbishment of the wooden shelters, which better suit the village's character. This work has recently been kindly undertaken by LCC. The Parish Council also oversees verge and Village Green maintenance, contributing to the tidy, well-presented environment that reflects Utterby's village character. Routine Parish Council inspections ensure benches and shelters remain in good condition, and we await further updates from LCC on plaque improvements associated with the Packhorse Bridge.

Community engagement continues to be an important part of our activity. The Community Speedwatch initiative has

welcomed new volunteers, and we remain keen to recruit additional participants to further support road safety in the village. Work is also progressing on the establishment of a Village Walkabouts initiative and the reintroduction of a Village Welcome Pack for new residents joining our community.

Village strategic projects are also moving forward. Development of a Village Plan and consideration of a dedicated plan for the Village Green continue, helping to establish long-term priorities for heritage, environmental stewardship, community facilities, and local character. These projects will support informed decision-making and ensure future improvements reflect residents' needs and aspirations.

Strong finance and governance practices remain in place. The Parish Council continues routine approval of accounts, quarterly bank reconciliations, VAT reclaim, and monitoring of expenditure against budget expectations. Key policies and procedures have been reviewed, new governance documents adopted, and statutory requirements — including the Annual Governance and Accountability Return — completed.

As Chair, I would like to extend my personal thanks to Councillor Edward Mossop (ELDC) and Councillor Nick Hastings (LCC) for their continued attendance and updates at Parish Council meetings. I also offer my sincere thanks to our Parish Council Clerk, Tanya Kuzemczak, for her professionalism and support in managing the council's administrative and governance responsibilities. My thanks further extend to all Parish Councillors and to our local organisations and community groups — including The Village Hall Committee, Team Utterby, St Andrew's Church, and Lift Utterby (formally Utterby Primary Academy) — for their valued contributions to village life.

Finally, thank you to all residents who have attended Parish Council meetings, shared feedback, or supported community initiatives. Your involvement helps guide the council's understanding of what matters most locally. As we look ahead, we will continue working to strengthen and support our village, appreciating that Utterby — though small — is a busy and engaged community with plenty to offer throughout the year.

Cllr Marc Traves
Chair, Utterby Parish Council



Neighbourhood Walkabouts

Neighbourhood walkabouts are coming to Utterby!

Utterby Parish Council is pleased to introduce a new community initiative designed to bring neighbours together and help keep our village looking its best. Beginning this September, residents are warmly invited to join our monthly Neighbourhood Walkabouts—gentle, one-hour strolls around different parts of Utterby where we can share ideas, notice things that need attention, and celebrate what makes our village special.

The very first Walkabout will take place at 9:00am on Sunday 6 September 2026, starting from the Village Hall. After that, Walkabouts will be held on the first Sunday of every month, always following paved routes so that everyone can take part comfortably and safely.

Each month, we'll explore a different area of Utterby. The first area of focus will be Main Road, where residents can help highlight opportunities for improvement and share thoughts on how this central part of the village could be made even more welcoming.

Parish Councillors will be in attendance at every Walkabout, offering residents a friendly opportunity to meet them and chat informally about village highways, landscape and environmental matters. These conversations help shape future priorities and ensure local knowledge is at the heart of decision-making.

The Neighbourhood Walkabouts are open to everyone who wishes to take part and help improve their community. Whether you have specific ideas to share or simply want to enjoy a friendly walk with neighbours, your presence is warmly welcomed.

During each Walkabout, participants will help highlight a range of village matters, including:

- ◆ Highway condition — potholes, worn markings, damaged kerbs, and blocked drains.
- ◆ Footpath quality — uneven paving, trip hazards, and overgrown edges.
- ◆ Signage clarity — faded, obscured, or poorly placed signs.
- ◆ Street lighting — dark patches and non-working lights.
- ◆ Environmental upkeep — planting ideas, verge tidying, litter, and hedge maintenance.
- ◆ Drainage — blocked gullies and areas where water collects.

- ◆ Traffic flow — speeding, pinch points, and parking pressures.
- ◆ Pedestrian safety — crossing points, sightlines, and narrow pavements.
- ◆ Community amenities — benches, bus shelters, bins, and other facilities needing attention.
- ◆ Village character — heritage features, green spaces, and general appearance.
- ◆ Wildlife and nature — planting for pollinators and protecting natural features.
- ◆ Resident concerns — anything raised by residents during the walk.

All observations will be gathered and shared with the Parish Council so that actions can be planned, progress monitored, and—where responsibilities lie with other authorities or landowners—issues can be passed on to the appropriate body.

Most importantly, these Walkabouts are a chance for residents to come together, enjoy a friendly chat, and take pride in the place we call home. Even a short walk can spark great ideas—and your voice truly matters.

First Walkabout – Time & Place Reminder Sunday 6 September 2026

Meet at Utterby Village Hall

Walk begins at 9:00am

Duration: No more than one hour

Route: Paved areas only

Focus area: Main Road



Village Hall News

Lots has happened since our last Utterby Voice article.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND ANNUAL REPORT

Utterby Village Hall AGM took place on Monday 27 April. The annual report was presented and the committee was elected. If you haven't read the full report, it can be found on our website under MEETINGS. A vast amount of progress has been made over the year 2025/26.

EAST LINDSEY INVESTMENT FUND (ELIF) GRANT AND OTHER GRANTS AND DONATIONS

Improvements and updates to our facilities have totalled £22,000. We are thankful for funding from the ELIF grant, Utterby Parish Council, Lindsey Lodge Free Masons and donations of resources from Utterby Community Coffee Morning. We are proud of our achievements, a full list of which can be found in our annual report.

FURTHER GRANT FUNDING SUCCESS

We continue to be pro active in seeking funding for further upgrades.

In April we made an application to The National Lottery Community Fund, bidding for £17,000 to improve our ageing car park. In June we found out that we were successful!

The whole area will be stripped of the old gravel, a membrane layer will be fitted and a block paved, pedestrian pathway will be laid from Main Road to link up to the side main entrance. Approximately 40 tonnes of new, grey gravel will then be laid to the rest of the area.

This will improve not only the safety and durability of the car park, but will also create a nicer looking area for the village. Work takes place 28 September to 2 October. Please beware heavy vehicles entering and exiting the Hall site. If you are walking across the village green to



access the gap through the hedge onto the car park, this will be fenced off for safety during the works.

Thanks to a £500 community grant from Utterby Parish Council, in July we had outdoor sockets fitted to the front and back of the building. This safe access to power can be used for outdoor events, Christmas lights, garden power tools etc.

We also successfully applied for a Councillors' Community Grant of £500 from East Lindsey District Council. This will be spent on adding some extra planting to the Hall garden. A set of eight, outdoor, foldable chairs have also been purchased for people to use as part of their hire.

Grants are not easy to get. All grant funding is applied for through time consuming and complex application procedures. The bar is set very high. We are glad that the details in our grant bids have met the tough success criteria, resulting in positive outcomes for our village Hall and everyone who uses it both now and in the future.

SUCCESSFUL EVENTS

24 April saw a great turnout for our free Community Coffee Morning and ELIF Presentation. Councillor Edward Mossop from East Lindsey praised the developments at the Hall and handed over a plaque to mark the contribution made by the ELIF grant. An Argentine Tango demonstration also took place by Last Tango in Utterby. Thanks to those who made a cash donation, despite it being a free event. £120 was given to the Hall funds.

The annual Be Inspired Art Exhibition by Lynn Norris and students on 26 and 27 June was very well supported. Our air conditioning was a real plus to keep visitors cool over the two hot days. We are pleased to host Lynn's Watercolour Workshops twice a month and this exhibition gives her and her students a chance to celebrate their work.



Congratulations to Utterby resident Tina Waller for being voted "favourite picture" of the exhibition for her painting of dandelion seed heads. If you missed this event it will be back next year on Saturday 26 June 10am – 4pm. Workshops take place regularly. Contact Lynn for info and to book a place lynn.norris@talktalk.net

The Outdoor Pop Up Bar by Fizz on the Fens returned to the Hall garden on 23 August, with live music from Phil Brougham and garden games. We are pleased to support this local mobile bar that provides a great service to the village each time they visit. We are considering organising future events with them.

UPCOMING EVENTS – SAVE THE DATES!

Utterby Community Coffee Morning will host their annual Macmillan Coffee Morning on Friday 25 September 10am -12pm. Tea/coffee/cake/bakes for a donation of your choice, with all profits going to Macmillan. Please support this worthwhile cause by coming along.

The Utterby Christmas Community Coffee Morning will take place on Friday 27 November 10am – 1pm. As in previous years there will be a chance to browse some craft stalls for purchasing Christmas gifts. This year, a "Lucky Bags Tombola" with instant prizes will replace the usual raffle.

Nicky Haxby, a local guitarist / singer will also be performing for us. A donation from our profits will be given to Nicky who passes on all income from her gigs to ECHO - East Coast Homeless Outreach (Louth Branch). A chance to support a very deserving local charity.

The annual Louth and District Parkinson's UK Ukulele Concert and Coffee Morning is planned for Friday 12 February 10am – 12pm. All profits go to the local branch to support the provision of their wide ranging activities for people living with Parkinson's, their carers, families and supporters.

Did you know they run 4 different groups here at Utterby? Contact Lesley Swift for more info. PHONE 07580 061054 - EMAIL lesleyswift@hotmail.com

ACTIVITIES AND CLASSES TIMETABLE

We posted a copy of our Activities and Classes Timetable through everyone's door in June (and will post to you again in January). A copy of the current information is also available on our website – click WHAT'S ON AT UTTERBY VILLAGE HALL button. Contact group leaders to find out more and to book places at a wide variety of groups and classes.

TO CONTACT UTTERBY VILLAGE HALL OR TO FIND OUT MORE, TRY....

OUR WEBSITE (lots of info about our Hall)
utterbyvillagehall.org

OUR EMAIL (this is the best way to get hold of us)
thevillagehallutterby@gmail.com

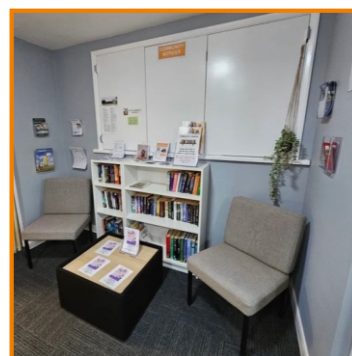
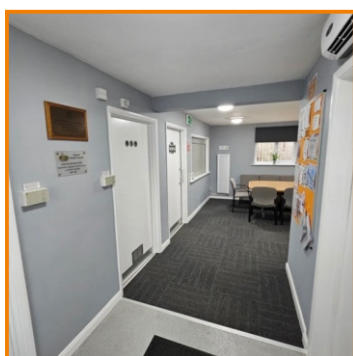
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Text / WhatsApp / Call 07394 957227

OUR SOCIAL MEDIA

Follow us on Instagram / Facebook / Threads / TikTok

If you haven't been to Utterby Village Hall before or not been for some time....get in touch if you'd like to take a look around. We can give you a guided tour. You'll be surprised with what you'll find!

DON'T FORGET WE OFFER DISCOUNTED HIRE RATES FOR UTTERBY RESIDENTS!



We Get By With *a little help from our friends*

Our Village Hall is used for a wide variety of activities, groups, meetings and parties.

It is a registered charity and relies on the goodwill of local people to help keep everything up together and open for use. Some people help informally with practical things and others are signed up as official, volunteer committee members. We couldn't run the Hall without each one of them. Everyone has a part to play. Here's what some of our team had to say about what they do to help and why they do it...

RAY - I'm a keen walker so whilst out on my travels I help out by delivering information flyers and newsletters to houses in Utterby whenever needed. I feel it's important to help out and be part of the village. I have lived in Utterby for over 30 years and it is great to see the Hall being cared for and used for so many things.

JIM - I have lived in Utterby for 5 years and have enjoyed being part of the village community. I help wherever I'm needed and if I'm able to, time allowing. My main volunteer work is cutting the grass and keeping the grounds looking tidy. During the growing season I cut the grass regularly, and if there's something else that needs doing, I'll do my best to help. I have also been involved in compiling background music playlists for community events. The Village Hall is an important part of our community, and I believe everyone benefits when people are prepared to give a little of their time. If I can help keep it looking good, or make life a little easier for others, then I'm happy to be involved. Additionally the other people I come into contact with are friendly, warm and very welcoming, and that pays into an enjoyable village experience

DAVE - We moved to Utterby in September 2021 after retirement. We really enjoy the village, the people and the facilities it has to offer. I have a mechanical background, enjoy fixing things and am pretty hands on, so it is the least I can do to help support the upkeep of this valuable asset. Be it hanging pictures, adjusting door hinges, helping in the garden or just putting tables away, it all helps to maintain village life for everyone. I'm happy to help whenever I'm called upon

SALLY - I have lived in the village for over 20 years. I previously worked in mental health services for 38 years. With the resurgence of the Village Hall as a community hub in recent years (in a magnificently refurbished environment), the time felt right personally to offer something back to the place where I live. Involvement doesn't have to be overwhelming in terms of time, but I hope the input I can offer is of value when needed. This has led to positive connections I would not have made elsewhere. Although I never thought of myself as your "typical committee member" it has highlighted that we can all have a role in making our community more inclusive, vibrant and welcoming.

If you are interested in helping out with our Village Hall please get in touch
and we can chat about what you'd like to do
Email us at thevillagehallutterby@gmail.com
Message us on 07394 957227 (text or WhatsApp)



Community Speedwatch

VOLUNTEERS WANTED TO SUPPORT ROAD SAFETY IN UTTERBY

Utterby Parish Council has formally resolved to establish a Community Speedwatch initiative, operating under the official scheme overseen by Lincolnshire Police, Lincolnshire County Council (LCC), and the Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership (LRSP).

Following recent interest from residents, we now have enough volunteers to form the village's first Speedwatch team — but we need more! Additional volunteers will allow us to run regular sessions across all proposed locations and build a stronger, more effective team.

Community Speedwatch offers residents a practical and meaningful way to support road safety in Utterby. A visible roadside presence encourages drivers to slow down, protects pedestrians, and contributes to a calmer, safer environment for all. Even a small amount of time each month can make a measurable difference.

The Parish Council has submitted four preferred monitoring locations to Lincolnshire Police and the Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership for approval. These sites are:

- Main Road (North)
- Main Road (South)
- Church Lane
- Lift Utterby (formerly Utterby Primary Academy)

Following approval, these locations will form the basis of regular monitoring sessions carried out by trained volunteers. Each session involves a small team operating safely at the roadside, using approved equipment to record the speeds of passing vehicles. Volunteers provide a visible reminder to motorists to reduce their speed, while also gathering accurate data that helps identify patterns of speeding through the village.

Any vehicle recorded exceeding the speed limit is logged and passed to Lincolnshire Police, who have the authority to issue advisory letters or take further action where appropriate. This process not only raises awareness among drivers but also supports wider road-safety work across the county.

A strong volunteer team is essential to the success of the scheme. The more volunteers we have, the more frequently we can run sessions across all proposed locations, build a consistent presence in the village, and maximise the impact of Community Speedwatch in Utterby.

WHY YOUR HELP MATTERS

Utterby observes a significant volume of through-traffic — understood to be in excess of 16,000 vehicles per day — and speeds can be higher than is safe for a village environment. Community Speedwatch schemes across Lincolnshire have demonstrated clear improvements in driver behaviour, with motorists slowing down when volunteers are present. A visible monitoring presence in Utterby will help encourage safer driving and support wider road-safety work across the county.

By joining the team, you contribute directly to reducing speeding, improving awareness of speed limits, and supporting wider road-safety work across the county. This is a simple, practical way to make a real difference in your community.

If you would like to join the Community Speedwatch team or learn more about the scheme, please contact Tanya Kuzemczak, Clerk for Utterby Parish Council (clerk@utterbyparishcouncil.gov.uk). **Find all the FAQs about Community Speedwatch on the Parish Council's website.** Your involvement — even for a single session each month — genuinely makes a difference and helps keep Utterby safe for everyone.



**Bag it
& Bin it!**

Picking up your dog's mess is an important part of being a responsible dog owner.

Remember to always carry a poo bag with you. Tie one to your lead so you always have a spare.

Dispose of dog mess in a designated poo bin or any public litter bin.

Don't discard your used poo bags for someone else to pick up.

It's important to keep sight of your dog at all times when in a public space so that you can see when and where they poo.

If you see someone in need of a poo bag offer them one of yours!

DOG WASTE 

Leave it behind and you could get fined!

By not picking up your dog's mess you're committing an offence. If you are caught you could be issued with a Fixed Penalty Notice for £100 or be prosecuted and fined up to £1000.

East Lindsey
DISTRICT COUNCIL

St Andrew's Church *News from the Pews*

Summer Fun and Exciting Times Ahead at St Andrew's Church, Utterby

It has been another busy and rewarding few months at St Andrew's Church, with our historic building continuing to thrive as a place where people of all ages can come together to enjoy friendship, fun and community. One of the highlights of the summer has been our Cornerstone Kids Club, which has filled the church with laughter every Tuesday morning throughout August. These free sessions have welcomed primary-aged children and their families for crafts, games, storytelling, music, heritage activities and plenty of imaginative play. These were supported by grants from UKSPF Grassroots Grants and the Diocesan Transformation Trust, for which we are truly grateful.

Our first session was made extra special by a visit from the Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust, who inspired the children with fascinating hands-on wildlife activities. Mother Karen brought everyone together with lively songs and music, creating a wonderful atmosphere as children explored, learned and made new friends in the beautiful surroundings of our medieval church.

While the children enjoyed their activities, parents, grandparents and carers relaxed over tea, coffee and homemade cakes at our monthly Coffee Hour. It has been lovely to see new friendships forming and different generations enjoying time together.

Our weekly monthly Coffee Hour continues every first Tuesday in the month when the church provides a welcoming place to meet friends, catch up over coffee and simply enjoy good company. A special feature of our mornings is our talented group of knitters, whose remarkable skill and creativity never fail to impress. From beautifully crafted gifts to colourful seasonal creations, their handiwork is a wonderful example of the care and community spirit that thrives at St Andrew's. Keep an eye out for some of their stunning work at our Christingle Service this December.

Throughout the year we have continued to host a wide range of community events. Our Songs of Praise and Strawberry Tea was blessed with beautiful weather and brought together people from across the village and beyond for an afternoon of favourite hymns, delicious refreshments and fellowship. We were also delighted to welcome runners from across Lincolnshire to St Andrew's for an inspiring evening with World Record Breaking athlete Imo Boddy, creating a real buzz around the church.

We are especially pleased to be strengthening our links with Utterby Primary School. Children continue visiting



the church throughout the year for services, craft activities and seasonal celebrations. Working alongside the Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust and the Gilbertine heritage project, pupils will also have opportunities to explore nature, discover local history and learn about the fascinating story of the Gilbertines, whose influence shaped this part of Lincolnshire many centuries ago.

Seeing young people enjoying the church, asking questions and making happy memories reminds us that while St Andrew's has stood at the heart of the village for hundreds of years, it also has a vibrant future. Looking ahead, there is plenty to enjoy over the coming months. In September we will once again be taking part in the Heritage Open Churches Festival, welcoming visitors to explore the history of St Andrew's, enjoy refreshments, children's activities and heritage displays, and discover the remarkable stories behind this special building.

October brings one of our biggest and most popular community events of the year – the Pumpkin Trail. This year promises to be even more exciting, thanks to the generous support of Arts Council England and East Lindsey District Council, who have enabled us to provide a fantastic afternoon of outdoor entertainment for all the family.

From 2.00pm onwards, the church grounds will come alive with a specially presented outdoor theatre performance, offering a memorable experience for children and adults alike. The entertainment will be at the heart of the afternoon, creating a lively festival atmosphere before visitors set off to explore the Pumpkin Trail.

Refreshments will be available all afternoon.

Every day, we see so many people enjoying walks past St Andrew's Church with their four-legged companions. Why not take a little detour and join us for our Pet Blessing Service on Sunday 25 October at 11.00am? Whether your companion has paws, claws, feathers or

scales, everyone is warmly welcome. During this relaxed and family-friendly service, Mother Karen will offer a special blessing for all pets, giving thanks for the joy, companionship and unconditional love they bring to our lives.

November includes our annual Remembrance Service and for the first time the school will hold a commemoration at 11.00am on the 11th.

As Christmas approaches, preparations are already underway for another exciting festive season. Alongside our traditional Christingle Service and school celebrations, we hope to introduce magical Community Christmas Storytelling Evenings by Candlelight, when candles will transform the church into a warm and welcoming space for families to enjoy Christmas stories, music and festive refreshments together.

We had intended to hold a Craft fair in the church on 4th December at 5.00pm but this has been changed and we are reintroducing the Churchwardens Jolly – an occasion to meet friends and neighbours in the church for a festive, drink, sing a few Christmas songs and have a jolly good time. There will be children's activities too so do come along and bring the family.

None of this would be possible without our wonderful volunteers. We are incredibly grateful to everyone who gives their time so generously, particularly those who support our Cornerstone Kids Club and community events. We are also delighted to welcome several new volunteers who have recently joined the team, bringing fresh ideas, enthusiasm and helping hands as we continue to grow our work within the village. Our new volunteers are not from the village of Utterby but we would welcome anyone from the village who would like to be part of our thriving team.



This year we marked the retirement of David Frost who for many years served as Chairman of St Andrew's Church Utterby and was a member of the Fotherby PCC. David continues to be hugely supportive of the church. Roger Staniforth has kindly taken on this important role.

St Andrew's is much more than a church building. It is a place where friendships are formed, children discover history through play, families celebrate together and neighbours support one another. Whether you join us for a service, a coffee morning, one of our family events or simply call in for a few moments of peace and quiet, you will always receive a warm welcome.

We look forward to welcoming many familiar faces—and hopefully lots of new ones—as another exciting season unfolds at St Andrew's Church.

Churchwardens

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Utterby Parish Council *Vacancy for Co-option*

We currently have one seat available on Utterby Parish Council and are inviting enthusiastic local residents to put themselves forward.

If you care about our village, want to help shape future projects, or simply feel you can bring a positive voice to the table, we'd love to hear from you. No previous council experience is needed — just a genuine interest in the community and a willingness to get involved.

To apply or find out more, please contact the Clerk.

clerk@utterbyparishcouncil.gov.uk



Keeping Our Village Safe

As the summer draws to a close and the evenings begin to shorten, it's a good time to think about keeping ourselves, our families and our homes safe. We are all fortunate to live in a beautiful village like Utterby and, by taking a few simple precautions, we can help ensure our community remains a safe and welcoming place for everyone.

Keep Your Home Secure

Although the warm weather and recent heatwaves may have tempted us to leave windows and doors open, it's important to remember that open windows can provide an opportunity for opportunist thieves. Even if you're only in the garden or popping to a neighbour's house, make sure your home is secure and that valuables aren't visible through open windows. As the evenings become darker, consider using timer switches on lamps if you're away from home to give the impression that someone is in.

Protect Sheds, Garages and Bicycles

Sheds and garages often contain expensive tools, bicycles and gardening equipment. As we start putting away summer equipment, now is an ideal time to check that outbuildings are properly secured with good quality locks.

If you own a bicycle, remember to lock it even when it's at home and consider having it security marked or registered. Marked property is much easier for the police to identify and return if recovered. Check out the National Cycle Database at www.bikeregister.com

Keep your oil tank locked

Many of us rely on domestic oil to heat our homes and hot water and as the price of oil has risen dramatically this year, oil theft has risen by 120% compared to last year. These thefts have changed from opportunistic to organised groups targeting villages and rural communities using modified van and pumping equipment, or quad bikes equipped with containers. Remember to check your oil tank regularly and keep your tank locked at all times. Where possible, think about installing cameras and security lighting, or install a sudden drop smart gauge that would send an alert to your smartphone if oil levels in your tank suddenly dropped.

Take Extra Care on the Roads

Our village green is a wonderful place for families to enjoy and for people to walk their dogs, but it sits close to a busy main road. Children can become absorbed in games and balls can easily stray into traffic, and kids can whizz down our lanes and roads on their bikes and not be as aware of cars or delivery lorries as we would like, so children should always be supervised as appropriate. As daylight hours shorten, pedestrians, cyclists and

motorists all need to take extra care. Wearing bright or reflective clothing when walking in the evening can make a significant difference to visibility. Please remember to use the safe crossing point on Main Road when the A16 traffic is heavy.

Dogs

Many residents enjoy walking their dogs around the village, on the village green, and surrounding countryside. Keeping dogs on a lead near roads and in other busy areas helps to keep both pets and people safe. A dog off its lead and straying onto the A16 has the potential to cause a fatal or serious accident. Please also remember to clean up after your dog so that everyone can continue to enjoy our village. There are dog waste bins around the village, or you can simply bag it, take it home, and put the waste in your black domestic bin. Simply dropping a dog waste bag on the side of a road means someone else has to tidy up after your dog.

Preparing for Autumn and Winter

As we move towards autumn and winter, it's worth taking a few moments to prepare your home:

- ✧ Test your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide alarms.
- ✧ Check outdoor lighting is working.
- ✧ Ensure paths and entrances are well lit.
- ✧ Keep hedges and shrubs trimmed back so they don't obstruct footpaths or reduce visibility near junctions.
- ✧ Check the locks on your garage, shed, other outbuildings and bikes (if stored outside)
- ✧ If public pavements or footpaths are blocked, use Fix My Street to inform the council of what the problem is and where. A photo and location can help fix the problem quickly.
- ✧ Fix My Street is available online, or via the Apple App Store or Google Play.

These simple steps can help prevent accidents as well as deter unwanted visitors.

Look Out for Your Neighbours

One of the greatest strengths of village life is looking out for one another. If you notice suspicious activity, unfamiliar vehicles behaving unusually, or someone who may need assistance, don't hesitate to take appropriate action. If a crime is taking place or someone is in immediate danger, always call 999.

For non-emergency concerns or to report suspicious activity, contact the police on 101 or use their online reporting service.

By working together and taking a few sensible precautions, we can all help ensure our village remains a safe, friendly and enjoyable place to live throughout the changing seasons.

A SIMPLE WAY FOR US ALL TO LOOK AFTER UTTERBY

Utterby is a village we care deeply about, and one of the things that makes it special is how residents look out for their surroundings. Every day, people notice the small things that help keep our community safe, tidy and welcoming. A pothole forming on a lane, a damaged sign, a blocked drain, or fly-tipping that appears overnight — these are the kinds of issues that, when reported, make a real difference to the upkeep of the village.

To support this shared effort, Utterby Parish Council is encouraging all residents to use [fixmystreet.com](https://www.fixmystreet.com), a national website designed to make reporting local problems quick and straightforward. Fixmystreet.com is easy to use and gives everyone in the village a simple way to play their part, ensuring that issues are passed directly to the right authority without delay.

Residents can use [fixmystreet.com](https://www.fixmystreet.com) to report a wide range of concerns, including:

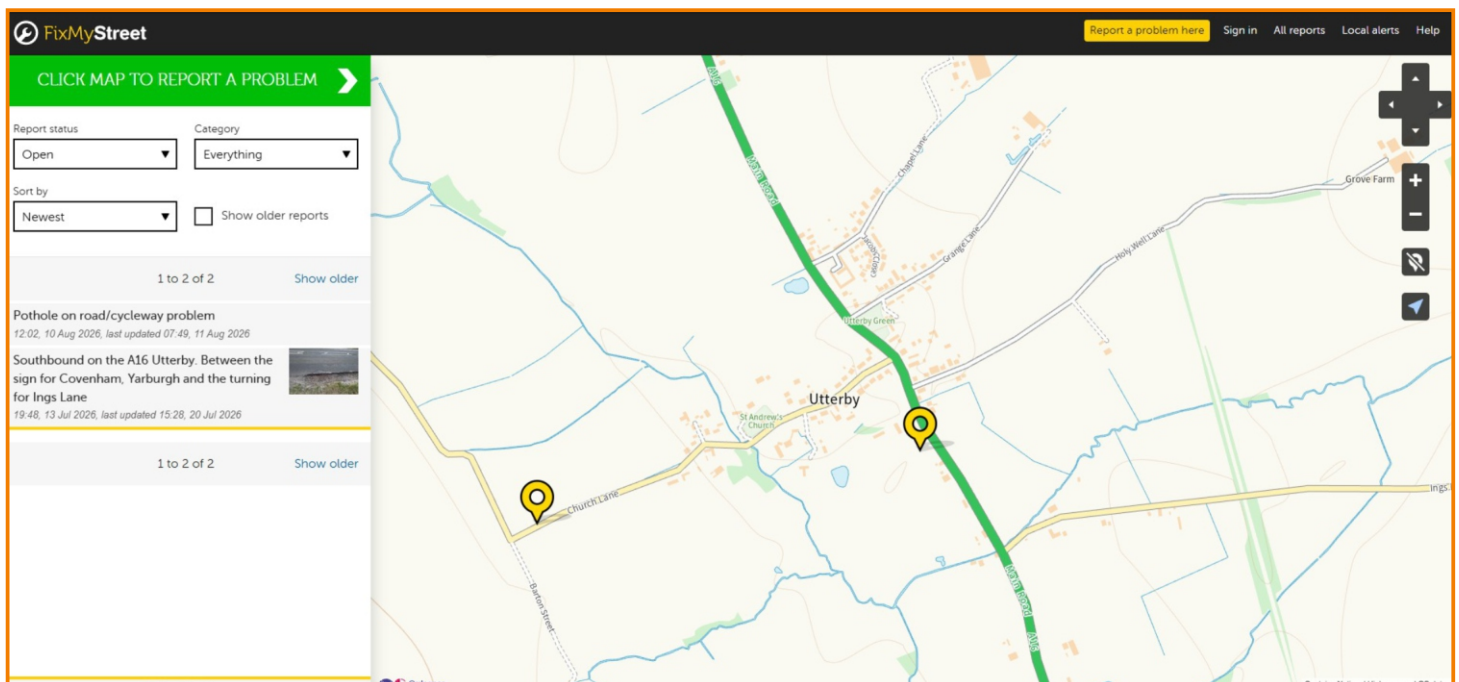
- ★ Potholes or road surface damage
- ★ Fly-tipping or dumped rubbish
- ★ Damaged or missing road signs
- ★ Blocked drains or standing water
- ★ Broken streetlights
- ★ Obstructions on footpaths or verges

If it affects safety, appearance or access in the village, it can be reported through [fixmystreet.com](https://www.fixmystreet.com).

Using [fixmystreet.com](https://www.fixmystreet.com) benefits the whole community. Reports go straight to the correct team, helping avoid delays and ensuring issues are logged clearly. The more residents use [fixmystreet.com](https://www.fixmystreet.com), the clearer the picture of what needs attention across Utterby. The service also helps identify recurring problems — such as repeat fly-tipping locations or persistent drainage issues — giving the Parish Council and other local authorities the evidence needed to raise concerns and push for longer-term solutions. Most importantly, [fixmystreet.com](https://www.fixmystreet.com) strengthens the sense of shared pride in our village. When everyone plays a small part, Utterby remains a place we're proud to live in.

The Parish Council warmly encourages all residents to use [fixmystreet.com](https://www.fixmystreet.com) whenever they spot an issue. Every report, no matter how small, helps keep Utterby clean, safe and well-maintained.

www.fixmystreet.com



Fix My Street is easy to use. You can put in the domain name or search for it using your browser. When on the website, just put in the postcode of your area, or if using your phone at the actual location, you can click 'USE MY CURRENT LOCATION'. From there you can see if it is already reported or if not, you can report the issue, or re-report the issue.

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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
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/



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