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Welcome and Happy New Year

2026 has arrived and we look forward to another year with much anticipation. We are keen to ensure that Scothern News reflects the views of Scothern residents and informs you of what you want to know.

We will continue to showcase important events and activities in Scothern, check out the back page this month to see photographs of the monthly Sewcial. If you have events planned, let us know and we can come and review for future editions. However we also would love to have contributions from our residents and learn about the skills and talents we have in our village. Thank you to resident Rod Wilson for highlighting his website about Scothern History on page 27. There will be more from Rod in February's issue.

Scothern Parish Council is starting 2026 with a new look, we want to highlight the changes made to the Council over the last year and to focus on meeting the needs of our residents. We have a new logo and a new poster showing what the Parish Council is and what it does, more about this on pages 5, 6 & 7.

Scothern News is an informal newsletter for the interest of its residents. It is produced and funded by the Parish Council it does not represent “official” council views or opinions.

Formal Council minutes can be found on the Council website:
scothern.parish.lincolnshire.gov.uk

A big thank you!!



The Straw family have yet again provided the magnificent tree, shown above, for Sothern's festive season. We are very lucky that every year they provide the tree and put it up with its lights in front of Ellison Boulters Academy in time for their Christmas Fair.

We are also grateful to Jonathan Backhouse who provides his services free of charge to ensure the safety of the tree and electrics.

A NEW LOOK FOR SCOTHERN PARISH COUNCIL

In 2026 the Council is keen to update its image and to be more accessible to residents. Councillors have developed a Communication Strategy Action Plan that we hope will enable residents to raise their views on what is important to them in Scothern and we want to raise the profile of what is going on in Scothern across all organisations.

Our first action has been to design a new logo. We are delighted that this has been designed by our newest Councillor Sian Watt Jones using posters drawn of Scothern and entered into the Scothern Flower and Produce Show by two students from Ellison Boulters Academy. The logo below incorporates key symbols of Scothern.



The following two pages show our poster setting out what Scothern Parish Council is and what it does. We are also producing a programme events for 2026 that will feature in next months Scothern News, this will identify what we are doing throughout the year, including formal meetings and informal get togethers to help improve Scothern. As always we really need your views to improve our communications.

The graphic below shows the current position of Local Government; this will change with the reorganisation proposal for the Greater Lincolnshire Council, and more information will be provided on this when it is known in the future. This information sheet focuses on the third tier, the local level and the current position for Scothern Parish Council and what you can expect from it as a resident of Scothern.



In addition to the above, Scothern Parish Council undertakes the following responsibilities:

- Grange Park is a conservation area of land accessed via Church Street, Nettleham Road and The Alders. Grange Park has a Working Group made up of residents and Councillors, which is responsible for the development and maintenance of the land, under the instruction of Scothern Parish Council.
- To work with the Lincolnshire Resilience Forum and other Scothern Organisations to ensure Scothern has an emergency plan in place and is prepared and supported in case of an emergency situation.
- The Parish Council works with the responsible bodies to prevent flooding. Where flooding does occur, it can be contacted to provide sandbags and floodsax to help protection.
- Three speed indicator devices are provided throughout the village. The Parish Council is keen to restart the Speed Awareness Scheme with the help of residents.
- An annual Best Garden Competition, with prizes for the best categories, is held each year and winners are announced at the Village Hall Flower and Produce show. A Christmas decoration competition is also held throughout December.
- All Scothern planning applications are sent to the Parish Council for local consideration.

It is impossible to cover all activities of the Parish Council but fundamentally we wish to listen to the views of residents and support them where it is legitimate to do so.

Finances:

Parish Council's funding is allocated by the Local Authority as a percentage of Residents contribution to Council Tax this is called the Precept, and it is used by the Parish Council for the benefit of Scothern. For the past four years the Parish Council has aimed to work more productively and therefore requested a reduced contribution to support residents in a difficult financial climate. All financial information is published in the minutes of meetings and on the Parish Council Website.

Current Councillor's and Responsibilities

Jane Johnson	Chair, Communication, HR Group, SRC Rep
Barnaby Patchett	Vice Chair, HR Group, Field Paths and Footpaths
Jackie Atkins	Playpark, Communications
Derek Canton	HR Group, Speed Awareness, Police
Robert Creaser	Speed Awareness, Village Maintenance
Sian Watt Jones	Communication, Engaging young people
Mark Unwin	Grange Park

The Parish Council meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month (except Aug) in the Methodist Chapel at 7.30pm. Members of the public are welcome to attend meetings. There is a 10-minute slot during each meeting when residents may speak to the Council with any concerns/suggestions/issues. An annual programme of Parish Council events is published at the beginning of the year and can be found on the Parish Council website and Facebook page.

Contact Information.

Clerk/Responsible Finance Officer to the Council **Lisa Brooks-Sleight**
If there is anything you would like to raise with the Parish Council, contact
Lisa, on

07549 137538 or clerk@scothern-pc.gov.uk

Current information is available on the Scothern Parish Council
noticeboards website <https://scothern.parish.lincolnshire.gov.uk>
or Facebook page.

**In Scothern the Village Hall is run by the Scothern Recreation Centre, a registered charity. The Church Clock and the Graveyard within the Churchyard is managed by the Parochial Church Council.

St Germain's Church - Services in the Benefice

January 2026

Sunday 4th 10.30am St. Germain's. Joint Benefice HC.

Sunday 11th 10.30am Holy Communion. St. Chad's. Dunholme

Sunday 18th 9.15am Holy Communion. St. Germain's.

Sunday 25th 10.30am Holy Communion. St. Chad's. Dunholme

Another year gone, time just seems to whizz by, and it is now my turn again to write an article for the magazine. This time I would like to share with you a poem I was given whilst on holiday.

Personally I found it very thought provoking.

It is called, "Did you Pray this morning?" (Anonymous)

I got up early one morning and rushed right into the day; I had so much to accomplish that I didn't have time to pray. Problems just tumbled about me, and heavier came each task. "Why doesn't God help me?" I wondered. He answered "You didn't ask." I wanted to see joy and beauty, but the day toiled on, grey and bleak; I wondered why God didn't show me. He said, "But you didn't seek." I tried to come into God's presence; I used all my keys at the lock. God gently and lovingly chided, "My child, you didn't knock." I woke up early this morning, and paused before entering the day; I had so much to accomplish that I had to take time to pray.

How many of us do take time to pray each day? Do we pray just when we don't know which way to turn, or we have a crisis in our lives and need help, or do we assume that God knows what problems we face and will help us without us asking. If we do pray and it doesn't seem as if our prayers are answered do we then lose heart and think that God either does not hear us or does not care. Ask yourself, do we give our children everything they ask for?

But what is prayer? Putting it simply, maybe it is bringing ourselves into the presence of God; whatever we need or wish to say to him, we take ourselves into his presence. There are many examples in the Bible of Jesus teaching about prayer, the most well known is probably where the disciples ask Jesus to teach them how to pray and he teaches them the prayer that we know as the “Lord’s Prayer”.. Jesus’ message to his disciples, and that includes us, is that we should persist in prayer, pray continually, take ourselves into the Father’s presence, and trust him to provide what we need. But we need to ask for his help – to pray to him, we need to take ourselves into his presence. Prayer can also be recognising God’s love for us, thanking him, praising him and glorifying his name.

Jesus taught his disciples how to pray but prayer was around long before Jesus’ time. Ancient civilisations worshipped their “gods”, and today a common factor in the various religions of the world is that they all use prayer.

Prayer is a very personal thing and it is something you can do anytime, anywhere, silently or out loud, the choice is yours.

Let us pray for a very happy and healthy 2026

Don Chapman ALM



Stories that Stay with Us

When I arrived in Lincoln two years ago, I promised myself I would take a guided walking tour of the city. I finally did so at the end of August with a delightful guide named Matthew. On a sunny Saturday morning, he led us through the streets of the old Roman city—once known as Lindum Colonia—beginning at the Magna Carta and ending three hours later at the Brayford Pool, the oldest inland harbour in England.

What struck me most was how seamlessly the past is woven into present-day life. Among the many tales Matthew shared, one in particular stayed with me: the story of a tennis ball wedged high in one of Lincoln Cathedral's archways.

In 1914, a young boy named Gilbert Bell and his pal found a good place to play with his tennis ball. They were bouncing the ball off the buttresses when it became stuck. Decades later, as the story was passed down through the family, Gilbert's nephew jokingly wrote to the cathedral asking for the ball's return. Remarkably, it was still there—making it, quite possibly, the world's oldest surviving tennis ball.

Stories like these help us see more than just bricks and mortar; they connect us to the people who came before us. Families pass them down, communities share them, and nations build identity upon them. Stories allow us to step into another person's shoes, and they often make complex ideas easier to grasp. Even works of non-fiction lean on storytelling to bring clarity. And of course, the Bible itself is rich with stories that carry wisdom and spiritual truth.

One of my favourites is the parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25–37). At its heart, it is a simple tale of compassion: one man helping another in need, regardless of their differences. Yet its message continues to echo across centuries, with the power to transform lives and societies.

Gilbert's tennis ball story is charming—a delightful piece of Lincoln's living history. But the story of the Good Samaritan goes further. It calls us not just to remember, but to act. My prayer is that each of us might live as neighbours who notice, care, and respond with kindness, just as the Good Samaritan did.

Every blessing,
Rev Richard

WHAT'S ON AT SCOTHERN CHAPEL THIS JANUARY

Sunday 4 January 10.30

We are at Scothern Chapel for an informal Own Arrangements hour.

Sunday 11 January 10.30

We join our friends at Nettleham Chapel

Sunday 18 January 9.15

We join our friends at St Germain's Parish Church

Sunday 25 January 10.30

We are at Scothern Chapel with Rev Margaret Roe

Sunday 1 February 10.30

We are at Scothern Chapel - to be announced

CHAPEL CHAT & COFFEE continues as usual on

Thursday 8th and Thursday 22nd January

Please feel free to come along.

The session lasts about ¾ hour.

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Sunday 4th January

Church Gathering

Sunday 11th January

Community Cafe

Sunday 18th January

Church Gathering

Sunday 25th January

Church Gathering

Sunday 1st February

Church Gathering

Sunday 8th February

Community Cafe

Sunday 15th February

Church Gathering

Sunday 22nd February

Church Gathering

**All 10am to noon in
Welton Village Hall**

Damage to new play equipment

Information regarding the new play equipment is provided on page 20. However it is disappointing to report that at the beginning of December the new play equipment in the under 5's area was damaged.

Community Coffee Morning

Every Tuesday
10am to midday
held in the
Methodist Chapel

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LINDSEY u3a (Welton)

January, 2026 Newsletter (lindseyu3a.org.uk)

Happy New Year!

Time for all those New Year Resolutions! What could they be? Perhaps a promise for self-improvement such as exercising more, eating more healthily, saving money or learning a new skill, to name but a few. Believe it or not, joining Lindsey u3a might just fulfill some of those goals. Look at our interest groups and the range of subjects covered by our monthly speakers on our website lindseyu3a.org.uk

Lindsey u3a is local, friendly, informative, low cost and open to those of retirement age not in full time employment. Our A-Z of interest groups includes where and when they meet plus visits of local interest, theatre visits, lunches and holidays run by members for members. For an annual fee of £17 you can attend 12 monthly meetings and join as many interest groups as you like (space permitting). Find out what's on and give it a go.

We meet at Welton Village Hall usually on the first Thursday of the month but not this month because of New Year's Day so our next meeting will be on Thursday 8th January. You are invited with no obligation to one of our meetings. Doors open at 9.30am for tea/coffee and an opportunity to chat to interest group leaders in the Welton Room followed by a speaker in the hall at 10.30am. If you decide to come along for a look, tell someone on reception you are new and one of our friendly greeters will show you round and answer any questions.

Our first talk in the New Year will be “Sustainability is King” on 8th January. Clive Wilson and John Firth will provide an update on ways we can live to help our troubled planet. Clive is an author, speaker, facilitator and leadership coach who wants to help leaders create conditions for a brighter future. Two years ago he inspired the formation of our Environmental Group which has worked so hard to encourage us to collect items that are difficult to recycle such as blister packs, and much more. This month they are also collecting old Christmas cards and postage stamps plus new and unused toiletries.

We aim to have a variety of speakers over the course of the year so there is something for everyone. u3a members can also join various online talks, workshops and courses. You can find out more from www.u3a.org.uk

If you can't come to one of our general meetings you could join us at the 'Gardeners' Retreat' tearoom at Scothern Nurseries for a cuppa and a chat at 10.15am on the fourth Thursday of the month. The next coffee morning will take place on 22nd January, 2026. Whether you're a newcomer wanting to know more about Lindsey u3a or if you're already a member and just fancy a cuppa, maybe a scone and a chat, do come along. Everyone is welcome.

Everything you need to know about us can be found on our website lindseyu3a.org.uk

Should you require any further information please contact
Luke Pickering

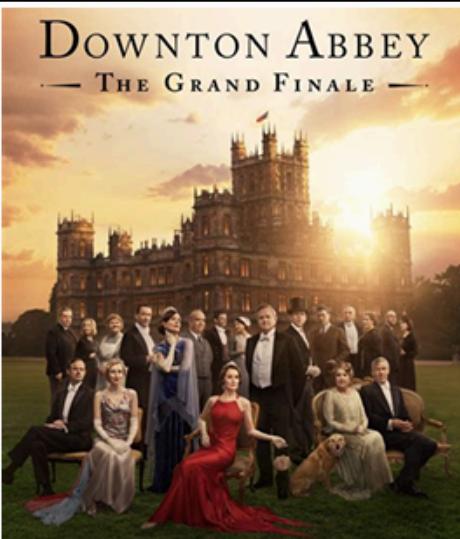
Email: lukep@lahestates.co.uk Mob:07774 251197

Best wishes
Sheila Nash

Village Events and Activities

We would love to hear about all your Scothern events and activities. We can add them to our events page and advertise them in the magazine.

Contact: scothern.news@gmail.com



FLIX
IN THE
STIX



When Mary finds herself in a public scandal and the family faces financial trouble, the household grapples with the threat of social disgrace. The Crawleys must embrace change with the next generation leading Downton Abbey into the future.



**Friday 23rd January
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Scothern Village Hall**



Events -

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WELTON PDA

We have some exciting news (at least we think it's exciting) Below you will see that we have a new and hopefully better way for patients to book transport. This is something which we have been working on for some time now along with Simon Carter of SCIS Computer Services.

Once it is up and running, we are happy to explain/ demonstrate how to use the service if anyone is unsure. Please read the details of the service below.

The PDA has been trying to develop a new way for patients to book our transport service. This is now almost complete and in early 2026 we hope to be able to provide a link on the Welton Family Health Centre website where you can request transport. It will be an online form that can be accessed by computer or mobile phone. We hope that this will reduce the workload of the Health Centre staff and also provide a quicker way to make a booking rather than waiting in a queue on the telephone. This service is for medical appointments e.g. hospital, dentist, physio, opticians etc. It is not for transport to the Health Centre which should be booked directly with the Health Centre in the usual way.

Please check the Health Centre's website home page

(<https://www.weltonsurgery.co.uk>) where you will soon find a link to access our services. This will take you to the PDA transport booking form.

We hope to be able to provide more information once a go live date has been fixed for this new service.

The Christmas Lunch held on Friday 5th December was, once again, a huge success. Tickets sold out quickly and, from the comments received, everyone enjoyed the occasion. The raffle and cake stall were very busy and the choir from St Marys Primary School entertained us beautifully with Christmas songs and carols. The total proceeds after deduction of expenses were £988.66! Thank you to anyone who helped in any way with this event and to the diners who spent generously on the raffle and cake stall.

Dates for our events in 2026 are:

Spring lunch 10th April

Autumn Fayre 17th October

Christmas lunch 11th December

Any further information on any of the above don't hesitate to give me a call (862570) Janet Goddard

PLEASE DO NOT USE THIS NUMBER TO BOOK TRANSPORT

GRANGE PARK

The leaves in Grange Park have nearly all fallen as I write although by the time you are reading this article they should all be down. We may all be snowed in, who knows, but even as the last few leaves hang on, already the bulbs on the spring bulb bank are pushing through. Are these very early? I'm not sure, but I know that Rosey spotted some *narcissi* in the village in November. The extreme weather is definitely playing havoc with nature.



The bare trunks look particularly striking at this time of year. The London Plane, which in my opinion is the best tree in Grange Park, is renowned for its peeling bark. Now the tree is reaching maturity this is becoming more evident. The large fallen leaves create a circle marking the extent of the canopy of the tree and I think it really visually sets it off against the green of the grassed area.



The other trunks I think look particularly stunning belong to the multi stemmed lime. We are very proud to have resurrected this plucky tree. The original lime tree died back to such an extent, mainly due to the proximity of the hedge, that it was deemed to be completely dead and was cut down at ground level in 2016. The next spring it began to sprout from the stump, and John Good, our chairman at the time, suggested we allow two or three of the shoots to grow and cut back the others. After 9 years we now have the resulting multi-stemmed lime which is a great addition to the park.

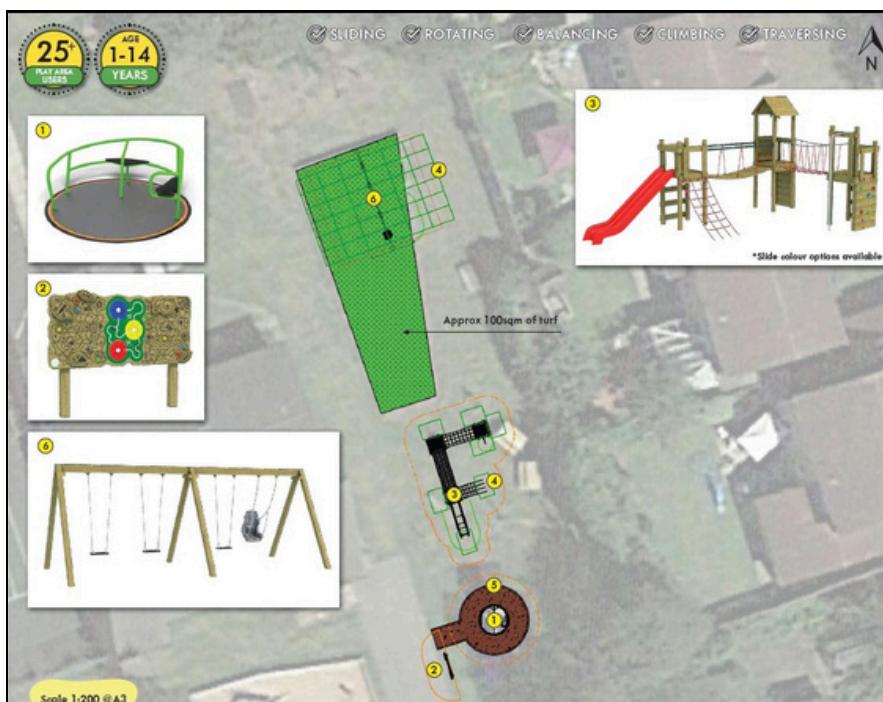
Grange Park is not its usual haven of peace as the work starts on the development site on Nettleham Road. In time when this is all finished, the houses will be landscaped and the new residents, our new neighbours, I hope will come to appreciate having Grange Park on their doorstep. Maybe they will even join our management group and take an active part in caring for the park. In the meantime, please have a stroll round and enjoy the austere beauty of the trees and keep an eye on the Spring bulb bank as it bursts into life.

Further Information about exciting changes to Scothern Play Park

In previous additions of Scothern News we have informed you of the planned changes to Scothern's play park. The under 5's area is complete and the older childrens play area is currently being prepared for the addition of a new swing set of flat swings and an inclusive support seat for accessibility.

The Parish Council is now delighted to announce that it has received grant funding from West Lindsey District Council to further improve the area. As shown below the area will now also include a timber tower with swing, an accessible roundabout and a finger maze. All set on the appropriate safety flooring. The items chosen reflect the requests identified in last years play equipment survey.

Work will begin to take place in February 2026.





Lincolnshire County Council extends Woodland Trust partnership

The move means thousands more trees and hedgerow plants in Lincolnshire soil.

Lincolnshire County Council has renewed its partnership with the Woodland Trust for 2026-28 in a move that will mean thousands more trees being planted across Lincolnshire.

The renewal will support the planting of 217,900 more trees, a figure up from the 207,000 that went in the ground during the last team-up which ran from 2024-26. That's a huge amount of trees going into Lincolnshire soil that would cover the equivalent of more than 60 football fields.

12 extra miles of hedgerow will be planted too, in total that will mean tree cover for the equivalent of around 2,000 double-decker buses end-to-end.

The news is particularly important given that canopy cover provided by trees and hedgerows in the county is currently only 4%. Read more details on LCC's website:

<https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/news/article/2555/lcc-extends-woodland-trust-partnership->

Welton Village Library and Community Hub

Based at Manor Park, Hackthorn Road Welton LN2 3PA

Monday 12noon to 5pm, Tuesday 9:30am to 2:30pm

Wednesday & Saturday 10am to 12 noon

We re-open on Monday 5th January 2026

The new year brings your opportunity to join our ever increasing regular visitors and start 2026 by calling in to see what we have to offer. Already a member? Then you know you that you enjoy free membership that gives access to our local books plus being able to order any book from the entire Lincolnshire Libraries network again at no cost. Reminders are sent when books are due to be returned and the option to extend borrowing time from the comfort of your home is available in many cases. Further benefits are ebooks, eaudiobooks and emagazines for those who wish to use the internet plus an app for those who use a smart phone. If digital services are not for you then just drop in and talk to one of our friendly volunteers who can issue or order books for you and even use a good old fashioned date stamp in the book so you can see the due day for return.

We are also a community hub and what a fantastic event we held recently when Tony Taupin came along and gave us a superb talk about his relationship with his famous brother Bernie and the even more famous Elton John. We have more free talks planned in 2026 that are open to all, watch this space for further details.



As always we are here for all the family and our next children's craft event is on Saturday 17th January at 10:30am when our super craft person Avril will help youngsters make some farmyard friends. All accompanied 4 to 11 year olds are welcome to this free event. And we are pleased to say our popular weekly storytime recommences on Tuesday 6th January at 9:30am for pre schoolers, again all welcome.

Who said libraries are on the way out, not us, we issued over ten thousand books in 2025 and are dedicated to keeping this fantastic community asset alive and relevant to all local citizens.

Mike - Library volunteer

Facebook page @Weltonvillagelibrary

Lincolnshire Mobile Library Service

January 2026 – December 2026

Friday Route 3 (Mobile Library North)

January	February	March	April	May	June
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Just For Fun

HAPPY NEW YEAR

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MIDNIGHT
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STREAMERS
NEW YEAR
FIRECRACKER

TOAST
FAMILY
CLOCK
JANUARY
HOURGLASS
RESOLUTION

CELEBRATION
FRIENDS
KISSES
PARTY HAT
HAPPY NEW YEAR
FUTURE

2026 - Hello January

- use the pictures to find the correct letters to make the words

Can you find the words by using the key below?



WELCOME TO SCOTHERN HISTORY

Here is a link to my 150 page website. It has the whole history of the village from Roman times up to many of our elder residents memories of Scothern in the 50s and 60's.

www.ScothernHistory.co.uk

Rod Wilson

This is a personal website written and produced by Scothern resident Rod Wilson for the interest of the community. Although I hope it is also of interest to others interested in Lincolnshire history and also nationwide as Scothern and Sudbrooke are typical ancient villages in common with many others in England.

If you have any memories, information, old deeds or photos and would like them kept on the website for prosperity then please contact Rod using the form at the bottom of the Home page.

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Dunholme Camera Club

Here we are again at the start of a New Year, and hopefully it will be a good one for you all. I'm sure that some of you have received presents which are photography related? If so, and you are interested in getting better at what you enjoy then do consider coming and joining us at the Camera Club, we have a variety of things going on during the year like talks, demonstrations, and competitions just to name a few. We also have a Day Group on the second Tuesday of every month where we go out and do what we enjoy, taking photos. If you know someone who would like to join the club and it's their birthday coming up then maybe you would like to buy them a voucher! If so just go over to our website www.dunholmecameraclub.co.uk click on the contact form and send me a message, I will get in touch to discuss what you would like putting on the voucher, at the moment the cost of a year's subscription is £35.00, great entertainment for a year. With me doing lots of photographic training I receive lots of enquiries at this time of year because the vouchers make good Xmas, New Year, Birthday or celebration presents, so if you are interested in getting someone a voucher get in touch.

On to what we have on in January, starting off with one of our usual first meetings which is "Everything DCC" on the 8th January. This is a night where we have a meeting to explain everything that will be happening during the year and any changes to the usual running of the club. This is followed by a "Digital Critique night" on the 22nd January, we usually have something similar to this to help members get up to speed with preparing images for the coming competitions during the year. Those are the only 2 meetings we have in the club room during January but we do have an outing in Lincoln where we will be taking photos around Lincoln at night.

So, if you want to join us at the Camera Club then get in touch either by the number below or the contact form on our website.

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Scothern Parish Council News

- The meeting on Wed, 10th Dec 2026 was attended by Cllrs Jane Johnson, Barnaby Patchett, Jackie Atkins & Robert Creaser with apologies from Cllrs Derek Canton, Mark Unwin & Sian Watt Jones
- The 2026/27 Budget was set with a Precept of £30,000
- Our WLDC Community Grant Funding request of £21,000 for new play area equipment was approved, now we can commence with the next 2 stages of the play area improvements in the new year.
- Following a tree safety survey, 2x dead trees are to be removed from the car park on Sudbrooke Rd
- The car park has been cleared of all weeds/overgrowth, overhanging low tree branches have been removed, the grass cut and the signage cleaned.
- The Faculty to refurbish the War Memorial has now been approved and the Stone Masons will complete the work in the first half of 2026. The Parish Council have paid the faculty fee and an extra £500 for a granite stone base at the request of the DAC and towards the cost of adding the 3 missing names.
- Flooding is still reported on Craypool Lane whenever there is heavy rainfall. Both Anglian Water & Lincolnshire County Council received reports on each occasion and LCC Cllr Jane Smith is chasing Highways to get the issue resolved.
- The road sweeper has been requested several times to clear the leaves/straw etc throughout the village but hasn't arrived. WLDC Cllr Baptiste Velan is chasing West Lindsey
- Requests has been submitted to LCC in the last 2 months to clear the blocked drains/gullies especially on Main St and Sudbrooke Rd but we have been informed that it isn't a priority at this time - very disappointing to hear
- The footpath joining Sudbrooke Rd to Orchard Close was surfaced by LCC but reports have been received from residents that it is a trip hazard/uneven surface -this has been reported.
- The next Parish Council meeting is a week earlier, Wed 7th January

Garden Waste Collection Service 2026

West Lindsey District Council provide an opt in garden waste collection service which operates from end of March until end of November, providing residents with 18 collections. The garden waste bins are collected fortnightly during this period as per resident's collection calendars.

The cost of the service is for collections in 2026 is £48 per bin. Residents can subscribe for more than one if they wish to. There are no subsidies for subscribing part way through the year.

To guarantee that you receive all 18 scheduled collections please ensure that you subscribe to the service by Monday 2 March 2026.

Residents that subscribe to the garden waste service will receive a welcome pack containing a paid for sticker in the post. The sticker needs to be placed at the rear of your bin under the handles, this allows our operatives to identify paid for bins. Please ensure that on the day of collection the sticker is facing the road and is visible for our operatives. If you do not display your sticker, it may result in the bin not being emptied.





SCAN ME

Report it - Use our online forms to report an issue or tell us about a change. It's the quickest and cheapest way to contact us. No waiting and your report will go straight to the correct service area whatever time of day you report it.

- Bins – collection day/missed, waste, fly tipping, abandoned vehicles, dog waste bins, litter, ASB, street cleaning, street name plate damage.

Use QR code or <https://www.west-lindsey.gov.uk/report-it>



SCAN ME

Fix My Street - Report, view, or discuss local problems

- potholes, highways, broken paving slabs, footpaths, street lighting, tree blocking the highway, flooding

Enter a Lincolnshire postcode, street name and area, or check an existing report number:
use QR code or <https://fixmystreet.lincolnshire.gov.uk/>

PLANNING APPLICATIONS in Scothern can be viewed on
the West Lindsey District Council website.

<https://westlindsey-publicportal.statmap.co.uk/horizoNext/publicportal>
Scothern is in the Sudbrooke Ward, Parish: Scothern

View the planning portal for all current
& past applications & decisions from WLDC.

Notification of temporary traffic regulation Order

Ref:TTRO/TTR013857 Anglian Water :Water main repairs
Road closure -Church Street (Between 30m & 70m West of
Vicarage Lane)

Period of restriction: 14/01/2026 - 16/01/2026

www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/roadworks

Scothern Bus Timetable

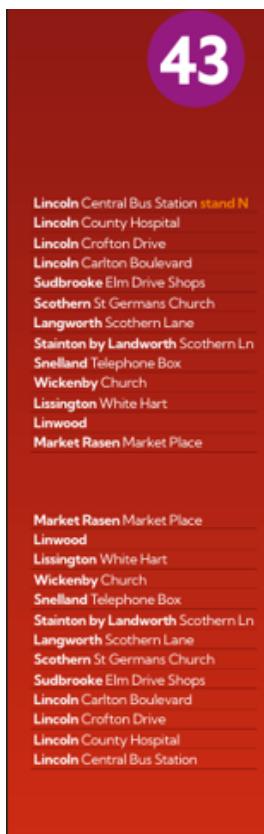
It's No 43 from Scothern Church Bus Shelter

Thank you to all the people who have fought hard to get a regular bus service from Scothern to Lincoln City Centre. As most of you know we have 7 buses each way every weekday.

Young and old can now go to work, or meet up in town for shopping, coffee or even lunch out! Don't forget there are other less obvious options – to Sudbrooke Village Shop and Post Office - to Barber's Garage – to Cherry Tree Garden Centre – to the Carlton Centre and to the Hospital. I get off at the Peacock Inn and walk through to the Cathedral and the Bailgate area. I have also found if you get off at the Carlton Centre, you can go to the Coop for a quick shop and get the return bus back just $\frac{1}{2}$ hour later.

So now we've got it please do use it as we don't want to lose it!

Submitted by Rural Rambler



Lincoln | Sudbrooke Scothern | Market Rasen

Mondays to Fridays excluding public holidays

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0750	0950	1100	1210	1320
0800	1000	1110	1220	1330

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Journeys from
Scothern to
Nettleham can
be made by
booking
the CallConnect
service:
Ring 0345 234
3344 or
download the
Callconnect
App

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07468 149695, lawreslmp@gmail.com
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01522 752489 m.drewery48@btinternet.com

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Scothern Players: Lynne Ballantine - donorfairy@aol.com

DOCTORS

Nettleham Medical Practice, Lodge Lane. 01522 751717

www.nettlehammedical.co.uk

Welton Health Centre, 4 Cliff Road, LN2 3JH. 01673 862232

www.weltonsurgery.co.uk

POLICE

Emergencies - 999 Non-emergencies 101

www.lincs.police.uk/contact/af/contact-us-beta/contact-us/

Linwood Road, Market Rasen, LN8 3QE

Open 9am - 5pm Monday to Friday

BUSES

P C Coaches 01522 533605

Lincoln Bus Station 01522 873655

Bus timetables are posted on the village notice boards by the Village Hall, opposite St Germain's Church and at the bus stops on Dunholme Road and Nettleham Road.

PC Coaches 43 to Lincoln City Centre and return

CallConnect -On demand service call 0345 234 3344 or

<https://lincsbus.info/callconnectapp>

NEWSAGENTS

Nettleham Convenience Stores, Lodge Lane 01522 753345

SCHOOLS

Ellison Boulters CofE Academy, Scothern 01673 862392

William Farr CofE Comprehensive School, Welton 01673 866900

SHOPS

Sudbrooke Village Store, 1/2 Holme Drive, Sudbrooke

Lincolnshire Co-op, The Green, Nettleham

Lincolnshire Co-op, Market Rasen Rd, Dunholme

Lincolnshire Co-op, Ryland Rd, Welton

Useful Information

Witham u3a - 3rd Thursday of each month
Reepham and Cherry Willingham Village Hall
Contact - Gerry Wiswould 01673 866718

Lindsey u3a -1st Thursday of each month
Welton Village Hall
Member Secretary - Tricia Barnes 07855 178612

Scothern Recreation Centre
Committee meetings 1st Monday of each month 7:45pm
Beevers, Cubs, Scouts Tuesdays 5-9pm
Scothern Players Thursdays 7pm all evening
Flix in Stix - Friday - dates on a poster.
Scothern Village Hall Secretary - Gill Radley
scothernvh@hotmail.co.uk

POST OFFICES

Sudbrooke Village Store, 1/2 Holme Drive, Sudbrooke 01522 751438
Nettleham Co-Op, The Green, Nettleham
Welton Co-op and The Carlton Centre Co-op

PHARMACY

Lincolnshire Co-op, Church St, Nettleham - 01522 751702
and Ryland Rd, Welton - 01673 862 557

HOSPITAL

Lincoln County Hospital, Greetwell Road, Lincoln 01522 512512

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Diary of Events in January:

4 - Sewcial 10-4pm - more details on the back cover

5 - Bottle Glass Quiz night, 8pm

6 - Community Coffee morning, Methodist Chapel 10-12pm

7 - Scothern Parish Council meeting - 7.30pm Methodist Chapel

8 - Methodist Chapel, Chat & Coffee 10.30am (Pg11)

8 - Lindsey u3a Welton VH, 9.30am (Pg14)

9 - Mobile Library, Scothern Village Hall 9.45-10.30am (Pg23)

12 - Bottle Glass Quiz night, 8pm

13 - Community Coffee morning, Methodist Chapel 10-12pm

19 - Bottle Glass Quiz night, 8pm

20 - Community Coffee morning, Methodist Chapel 10-12pm

22 - Methodist Chapel, Chat & Coffee 10.30am (Pg23)

22 - Lindsey u3a Cuppa & Chat Scothern Nurseries 10.15 (pg15)

23 - Flix in the Stix, 7 for 7.30pm (Pg16)

26- Bottle Glass Quiz night, 8pm

27 - Community Coffee morning, Methodist Chapel 10-12pm

Send us your February events for next months issue

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