

# COVENHAM PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

*February 2022*



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**Council vacancies: 3 seats each for St Bartholomew and St Mary**

**The full complement of parish councillors is 11, comprising 7 for St Bartholomew and 4 for St Mary.**

## DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES

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## *Welcome*

On behalf of Covenham Parish Council, I would like to welcome you all to the first edition of a quarterly newsletter for the village. The aim of the newsletter is to keep everyone in the village informed as to what events are planned, both by the Parish Council, St Mary's Church, The Covenham St Bartholomew Heritage Trust and the Jubilee Committee, and to provide any news and information that is relevant.

As detailed later in the newsletter, the Parish Rooms has undergone a major transformation over the past couple of years, meaning that we now have a facility which is usable by the community for any number of events. Anyone wishing to hire the Rooms (at the extremely cheap cost of £6 per hour – or £3 per hour for community/charity activities), please contact either myself or Nadine, the Parish Clerk (contact details are below). There are still works that we would like to carry out to get the Rooms fully refurbished, but we now at least have somewhere dry, warm and nicely decorated, with a newly installed kitchen to boot!

Going forward, with this year seeing the Platinum Jubilee of the Queen, we are planning (in conjunction with the other groups in the village) celebrations which we hope everyone in the village will join – hopefully this will foster an even greater spirit of community! More details of the planned celebrations will be in future editions of the newsletter. Additionally, the Parish Council will be opening the Rooms for a series of Open Coffee Mornings from Spring – all are welcome to meet and discuss anything of interest to them!

As we begin to emerge from the two years of the Covid pandemic, we at the Parish Council hope to bring the community together as much as possible going forward to celebrate this marvellous village, and to enable everyone to get to know each other better – especially as there have been a number of new arrivals to the village during this period of lockdowns and isolation.

On the subject of the village coming together, I would like to thank all those who turned up at St Bart's church yard at the end of January to help plant trees and clear the winter debris from the church yard – a huge amount of work was done, and the church yard looks wonderful again! A fantastic example of what the people of this village can achieve!

Finally, the Parish Council needs your help – we have a number of vacancies on the council, and would love to hear from anyone who has a desire to help the village to become an even more wonderful place to live! Details of how to apply are listed later in the newsletter.

Once again, welcome to the new newsletter and hope to see you all in the Parish Rooms soon!

*Gareth Smith*  
*Chairman*

## THE PARISH ROOMS – *A Major Transformation*

Covenham Parish Council has been fortunate in receiving government grants due to the Pandemic.

The Parish Council has wisely used this money to damp proof the building, provide better heating facilities along the hallway and the Main Hall and fitted a brand new kitchen with towel dispensers.

Photos after the makeover courtesy of Gareth Smith



## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

- An Archer Survey will be conducted this June. It is hoped that traffic at this time of the year will be a more realistic indicator of vehicle speed in the parish. The previous survey was done in February 2019 and the winter conditions would not have been symptomatic of normal driving behaviour. The Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership has agreed to run this survey again as requested by the Parish Council.
- The Parish Council has set its Budget for Financial Year 2022/23 at the November meeting. A Precept Requirement of £6,795 has been submitted to East Lindsey District Council. Band D property owners will pay £44.41 for the whole year, equivalent to 85 pence a week. Precept demands for all property bands are as follows:

	<b>Band A</b>	<b>Band B</b>	<b>Band C</b>	<b>Band D</b>	<b>Band E</b>	<b>Band F</b>	<b>Band G</b>	<b>Band H</b>
Annually	£29.61	£34.54	£39.48	£44.41	£54.28	£64.15	£74.02	£88.82
Weekly	£0.57	£0.66	£0.76	£0.85	£1.04	£1.23	£1.42	£1.71

- Our ELDC Ward Member Cllr Edward Mossop has again supported the parish from his Councillors Community Grant. During FY 2020/21 he subsidised the cost of the professional website developer for £100. For this Financial Year he has given the Parish Council £200 to buy a new fridge for the Parish Rooms.
- The Parish Council is looking forward to making use of the Parish Rooms as a Community Hub, especially now that the Plough has been given planning permission to become a dwelling.

And as the UK celebrates the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, it is an opportune time for residents to avail of the facilities.

Parish Councillors are interested in residents' views on choices of other events that can be hosted in the Parish Rooms. A Community Cinema has been suggested and the Chairman is looking into grant funding options to make this happen.

Any groups interested in hiring the hall should email [bookings@covenham-pc.info](mailto:bookings@covenham-pc.info) for any enquiries. Terms and conditions of hire are available to download on the parish council website including a booking form.

- The Give Way markings on Cold Harbour Lane/Newbridge Lane has been on Lincolnshire County Council's (LCC) work orders for some time. The Parish Council has asked LCC Ward Member Cllr Alex Hall for his support to progress this.
- Beware of Horses signs at various locations in the parish have also been requested as well as white gates at the village entrances.
- The Parish Council continues to share the mobile speed sign with three other parishes in the local area. Slots of two months per council every eight months have been agreed. The Council's next slot is July and August 2022. Other parish councils in the scheme are Alvingham, Grainthorpe and Marshchapel.
- The Parish Council is happy to support local businesses or residents who have particular skills or trades that other residents may find useful. It is hoped that future editions of the parish newsletter will include advertisements from those interested in publicising their businesses. Please contact any of the parish councillors or the parish clerk.

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## JUBILEE COMMITTEE

The Jubilee Committee will be restarted following the Covid-19 pandemic, with a meeting to discuss plans going forward to be held soon.

If anyone is interested in becoming part of the committee, please contact Nicky Gulley-Brown ([nicky.gulleybrown@gmail.com](mailto:nicky.gulleybrown@gmail.com)) for further details.

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## Time to get walking again!

At this time of year, we start to think about the mud drying up and getting out to walk in the beautiful English Countryside again.

[Walking in Lincolnshire](#) has hundreds of walks to download and print, free, including one in the parish [Covenham and Reservoir Walk](#). Whether you want to walk on your own or with a group all the information is there in one place.

*John Harris*  
[john@walkinginengland.co.uk](mailto:john@walkinginengland.co.uk)

Are you worried about the speed of traffic in Covenham? Do you want to do something about it?

Covenham Parish Council is seeking views from residents about joining this local policing initiative.

**Community Speed Watch** is a scheme with volunteers to help people reduce traffic speeding through their neighbourhood. It raises awareness of the dangers of speeding and tries to help manage the problem locally. It also seeks to promote safer driving in the communities by educating rather than prosecuting.



Volunteers receive appropriate training, and are supported by neighbourhood policing team (NPT) staff. The scheme aims to cater for the problem of real or perceived speed related offending, and through partnership with the community it is to be used in circumstances that are necessary, justifiable and proportionate in order to:

- Reduce death and injury on the roads
- Improve the quality of life for local communities
- Reduce the speed of vehicles to the speed limit
- Increase public awareness of inappropriate speed

Speed Watch activity is not about interfering with neighbours' behaviour; it is a proactive solution to improve the safety and quality of life for everyone in the community.

For more information on the Initiative, please visit our parish website.

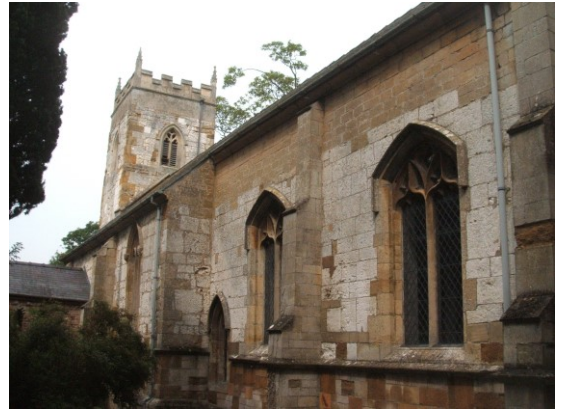
There are costs involved to join the scheme and most importantly, the scheme will not function without volunteers.

If you feel that Community Speed Watch could help to improve the traffic in the parish and are willing to be a volunteer, please contact any of the parish councillors or the parish clerk.

## St. Mary's Church

**Sunday Morning Worship 9.30a.m.** on the first Sunday in the month. Services at other churches in our group are listed in the village noticeboards.

As many of you will be aware during Covid we have not been organising much in the way of social activities, but we have still been busy. Our bells have been reinstated and we also have a new kitchen. We are now looking at external lighting to illuminate the churchyard path at night.



This year we are going ahead with our programme and listed below you will find planned events to which all are invited.

There are other events planned for the rest of the year which will be advertised in future editions of the Newsletter as well as in the village noticeboards.

**March, Fri. 18<sup>th</sup> 7.30p.m.** - 'A Guide to the Planets & other amazing objects' with Peter Rea (Cleethorpes Astronomical Society)

**April, Sat. 16<sup>th</sup>** – Tea/Coffee/Cake plus children's egg decorating competition

**Fri. 22<sup>nd</sup> 7.30p.m.** - Marmalade Evening. This will be a **ticket only event** as it will include a tasting session.

**June, Sun. 5<sup>th</sup>** – Celebration Service for the Platinum Jubilee followed by Tea/coffee/cakes & a Jubilee Quiz (*time to be confirmed*)

**Sun. 26<sup>th</sup>** – Open Gardens. Please consider if you are willing to open your garden. All gardens are welcome large or small, further information will be available at a later date.

*Anne McCready  
Church Warden*

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### Monthly Lunches

At the beginning of February, a monthly lunch club was started. Initially, as we didn't know how many we could seat, we only invited a pre-agreed number of people for a trial run.

This proved to be successful and we were very happy with the results and comments. We intend to continue the trial period in March and April, but as we have limited space, numbers will still have to be restricted so it is important you book early. Currently there is no set charge for this lunch, it is donations only to enable us to cover costs. This is a not for profit venture.

If you would like to join us at our next lunch on **Wed. 2<sup>nd</sup> March 12 noon for a 12.30p.m. start** (the venue is St. Mary's Church) please contact Anne (363508) or Gillian (07947421137) by **Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> February at the latest.** We have limited storage facilities so need to have time to organise the catering.

*Anne McCready*



## The Covenham St Bartholomew Heritage Trust

The Covenham St Bartholomew Heritage Trust was first registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) on 17 June 2019. It incorporates the former charity of the same name established by the late John Bowles in 1988, charity number 700816, which was formally dissolved by the Charity Commissioners on 14 December 2019.

The constitution of the CIO limits voting rights solely to the trustees. Laura Clark agreed to become the 4th trustee in 2020 and was duly elected for a term of 3 years. The constitution also provides for meetings via electronic means, which is the usual form of trustees' meetings as being the most cost-effective and time-efficient. Due to the continuing restrictions during the Covid pandemic during the past year, Trustees have again held only one face-to-face meeting and have otherwise relied on electronic communications.

### **Objectives and Public Benefit**

The objects of the CIO are:

- i. For the public benefit to secure the preservation, conservation, repair, maintenance, improvement, upkeep, beautification and reconstruction of the church of Covenham St Bartholomew, Lincolnshire and of fixtures and fittings in such church and;
- ii. To use the said church for such religious and other charitable purposes as shall be permissible under the Redundancy scheme providing for the appropriation of the said church under the procedures of the Pastoral Measure 1983 as superseded by the Mission and Pastoral Measure 2011.

### **Achievement and Performance**

The year 2020-21 had been most eventful. St Bartholomew's had been placed on the Buildings at Risk register in 2019 and that the south transept was in such a precarious situation that action had to be taken to fence it off and close it to visitors following a letter from Lincs Building Consultancy ordering immediate action.

The trustees were alerted to the Covid19 Emergency Heritage at Risk Response fund administered by Historic England and immediately registered an Expression of Interest and successfully invited to prepare for a full application. On 8th October 2020 we had been successful in securing the maximum possible grant of £25,000 + £950 for VAT, subject both to stringent conditions and the provision of another £5,000 from the Charity's own funds.

The grant was awarded to commission 1) a condition survey; 2) an ecology report, 3) to re-roof the south transept roof and 4) consolidate the south transept walls. One of the chief conditions was that the conservation work had to be completed within an exceptionally tight timeframe of 5 weeks, starting on 2nd November 2020 and concluding on 5th December 2020.

The net result is that the south transept roof, which was in imminent danger of collapse, has now been saved and looks resplendent in its conserved state. A further advantage was the valuable experience the practical work provided for trainees on the first year of the CITB Level 3 Pre-1919 Buildings course and the on-site educational experience for visiting SPAB Scholar and Craft Fellows. The HES trainees who helped repair the building were also able to achieve the CITB Level 3 pre-1919 certificate following completion of the project.

In April 2021 trustees met at the church with a number of the professionals involved in the project, including the East Lindsey Historic Environmental Officer and Historic England Heritage at Risk Surveyor, to 'sign off' the work. All agreed the project had been hugely successful.

The strict Covid restrictions has unfortunately precluded our planned open days for specialist interest groups and the general public, nor the launch of the Friends of St Bartholomew, but trustees hope these can go ahead as soon as possible.

An update on the lead theft: in January 2021 4 men were jailed for a total of 22 years for theft of lead from 36 churches, including that of Covenham St Bartholomew. They were aided by borrowing a van from a person working for Amazon, so trustees contacted Amazon to see if they would like to contribute towards the repairs. As a result, they have added this charity to their list of charities on Amazon Smile. Anyone now registering via <https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1183927-0> will now have a small percentage of each purchase donated to this charity; not a great deal, but it all helps. Trustees are grateful to Ali Fazakerley for continuing to maintain a similar platform on Give as You Live.com.

In carrying out the business of The Trust, trustees pay due regard to the advice of The Charity Commission relevant to the administration of the Charity.

### **Financial Review**

Income for 2020-21 was £32572.44 and expenditure was £31, 483.80. The tremendous increase in income since 2019-20 was almost entirely due to direct payment of £25,950 from the Historic England Covid19 Emergency Heritage at Risk Response Fund, all of which was paid out directly. There are several regular standing orders and the charity is registered as a recipient on the 'Give as You Live' and 'Amazon Smile' platforms.

For more information about the Trust, please visit our website <https://stbartstrust.org.uk/>

The trustees may be contacted via: [contact@stbartstrust.org.uk](mailto:contact@stbartstrust.org.uk)  
Registered Charity number 1183927

## **CHURCHYARD PLANTING & CLEARING PARTY** **Sat 29th Jan 2022 10:00am**

A huge thank you to all who helped out plant bare rooted tree whips delivered courtesy of LCC Treescapes Fund and organised by our Parish Council. There were Hawthorn, Field Maple, Rowan, Wild Cherry and Crab Apple some 22 whips in total for three locations within the churchyard.



A lot got done and the chance to catch up over a cuppa as well. An extra mention for Paula and Mark that came over from Lusby to lend a hand and to Will for bringing his chipper over in the afternoon, that made short work of the brash.

*Ian Fazakerley*

# LEAVING RUBBISH NEXT TO A FULL BIN IS STILL FLY-TIPPING



There have been many instances where people have left rubbish next to litter bins and even dog waste bins!

**Remember, if a dog bin is full, please put your rubbish in another black bin or better still, take it home with you.**



Leaving rubbish next to a bin is [#FlyTipping](#) and you could be fined!

If you notice an overflowing litter bin or litter, please let East Lindsey District Council know by calling 01507 601111 and they will get it sorted!

[#CareforEastLindsey,](#)  
[#CareforCovenham](#)



**We have  
Parish  
Councillor  
vacancies**

## **Covenham Parish Council**

If you are interested in village affairs, improving the local landscape and can commit some time to attend meetings, please contact:

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01507 363845

Or the Parish Clerk,

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