

News Update

News for the Parishioners of Laughton-en-le-Morthen Parish

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Welcome to our latest news update

Welcome to our latest news update. This newsletter is produced to keep parishioners informed about the activities being undertaken by the Parish Council, as well as information on events and activities that you may wish to take part in. We hope that you will find it informative.

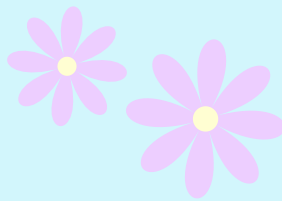
This is my first newsletter as Chairman, and I look forward to working with our team of Councillors for the benefit of the Parish. Information about your local Councillors can be found on our website www.laughtonparishcouncil.gov.uk.

I would like to place on record my thanks to our outgoing Chairman, Simon Johnson, who has decided to step down due to work commitments. Simon has been a Councillor since 2007. Simon has always volunteered to assist with projects to benefit the parish and in recent years was instrumental in organising and planting many of the bulbs that make our parish so colourful in spring.

Laughton en le Morthen is not a political council. It is made up of people that live in the village that care about it and want it to be a thriving, happy community. They cannot do it on their own. Council wants to see more community activities arranged, particularly around the village hall, and so ideas and volunteers are always welcome. If you hear of events, come and support them. That's how groups grow, and friends are made.

As Chairman, I would like to encourage members of the public to come along to our monthly meetings and chat to us. Your Parish Council is the first tier of local government and wants to hear your thoughts and ideas.

We always welcome any feedback or new ideas for our newsletter, so please get in touch with either me, or Caroline, our Parish Clerk, if there is anything you would like to raise. Contact details are included on page 2.



Kevin Downing
Parish Council Chairman



New Pub Night at Laughton Village Hall



Laughton Village Hall is Hosting a Pub Night on Saturday 7th June.

The 'pub' will be open from 6 pm until 10 pm.

This is a local social night so that local people can meet friends and still walk home at the end of the evening. Though of course everyone is welcome, regardless of where they live.

You can bring your own alcohol and enjoy a glass whilst spending a few hours having a natter. Bring cards, dominoes or a board game.

If the event proves popular, we will consider other activities and perhaps a singer, but for now we want to see how many will support these events.

There will be snacks on offer and soft drinks.

For more information contact Janice on 07582827158 or Kath on 07917606854

Come and join us!



Defibrillator Training Sessions



Following a positive response last year, Laughton-en-le-Morthen Parish Council is once again hosting a defibrillator training session at Laughton Village Hall on Saturday 18th October 2025 at 1.00 pm. The session will be delivered by Yorkshire Ambulance Service, and they will also cover basic CPR.

Please come along

Your Parish Council

Notice of Meeting

The next ordinary meeting of the Parish Council will be held at 7.15pm, Wednesday 18th June 2025 at the Village Hall, Firbeck Avenue, Laughton-en-le-Morthen S25 1YD. The agenda for this meeting will be on the Parish Council website by the Friday preceding the meeting or by request from the clerk. Minutes of previous meetings are also available on the website and are posted when they have been approved at the following months' meeting. Please remember that we have a new website www.laughtonparishcouncil.gov.uk.

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My working days are

Monday to Thursday 10 am – 12.30 pm



Summary of Receipts and Payments for 12 months to 31st March 2025

This is a summary of the Parish Council's income and expenditure; these are draft figures pending the outcome of our annual assurance review. The accounts are for the period 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025.

The period for exercise of public rights is Tuesday 3rd June 2025 to Monday 14th July 2025. Information relating to how you exercise these rights will be on the Parish Council website and Parish Noticeboards at that time.

LAUGHTON-EN-LE-MORTHEN PARISH COUNCIL			
Summary of Receipts & Payments for the year ending 31.03.2025			
2023/2024 Receipts		2024/2025	
£ 40,750.00	Precept	£ 45,250.00	
£ 666.97	Interest	£ 790.85	
£ 2,989.50	Allocments	£ 2,853.00	
£ -	Grants Received	£ -	
£ -	Public Works Loans Board loan	£ -	
£ -	Donations - Village Hall projects	£ 1,996.00	
£ -	Community Infrastructure Levy	£ -	
£ 9,766.70	VAT Recovered	£ 4,009.53	
£ 54,173.17	Total Income	£ 54,899.38	
2023/2024 Payments		2024/2025	
£ 3,894.12	Admin/Supplies/Expenses/Audit		3,598.78
£ 15,603.12	Net Staff Costs		15,203.77
£ 1,153.27	Insurance		1,245.87
£ 697.04	Subscriptions		669.00
£ 1,130.99	Village Hall		7,762.38
£ 2,728.38	Recreation Ground		2,896.29
£ 872.00	Landscaping		904.00
£ 1,674.43	Allocments & Gardens excl Administration		1,477.85
£ 3,100.00	Hamlets (new Carr Defibrillator)		2,698.00
£ 1,129.50	Section 137		523.50
£ -	Grants exd 137		-
£ 3,265.00	Projects		4,960.13
£ 3,900.00	Play Area Repairs		-
£ 333.84	Defibrillator Maintenance		1,832.93
£ 1,993.00	Repayments PWLB		1,993.00
£ 2,812.72	VAT Paid		3,999.99
£ 44,287.41	Total Payments		49,765.49
	Bank Balance at 01.04.2024	£ 72,227.74	
	Unpresented Cheque		
	Bank Balance at 31.03.2025		£ 77,361.63
	Totals	£ 127,127.12	£ 127,127.12
The above statement represents fairly the financial position of the Authority as at 31st March 2025 **			
Subject to Review by our External Auditor			
Signed	S Johnson		Chairman
Date	16th April 2025		
Signed	C Havenhand		RFO
Date	16th April 2025		

Use of Electronic E-Scooters and Electric Motorbikes: Not Allowed on Parish Council Land

As fun as electric scooters and small electric motorbikes may seem, it's important to know they are not legal to ride on Parish Council land—including parks, playing fields, and village greens.

These vehicles are classified as motor vehicles under UK law, meaning they must be insured, taxed, and ridden by someone with a valid licence. Most children's e-scooters and mini motorbikes don't meet these requirements, making their use on public land illegal.

Parish Council land is public space, and using these vehicles there can pose serious safety risks to riders and pedestrians alike. The Council also has a legal duty to prevent unauthorised and potentially dangerous vehicle use.

Please ensure that electric scooters and similar vehicles are only used on private land with the landowner's permission.

A notice has been put up on site and CCTV is in operation. If these vehicles are seen in use Council will have no alternative but to pass the footage to the police.

Let's work together to keep our public spaces safe and enjoyable for everyone.

Warning

Antisocial use of vehicles will not be tolerated. Police are monitoring this area.

If a vehicle is being used in a manner which is causing, or likely to cause alarm, distress or annoyance to members of the public you may be fined, receive penalty points and police may seize your vehicle.

If you have concerns about antisocial behaviour or vehicle use, please contact 101.



To report off-road bikes in your area please scan the QR code to access the reporting page on the SYP website.

V E Day 80

At 9.30 pm on 8th May 2025 Laughton-en-le-Morthen Sang!

Parishioners from Laughton-en-le-Morthen sang at 9.30 pm as part of an initiative for the whole country, to come together at this time, and sing the wonderful and uplifting British patriotic hymn - 'I Vow To Thee My Country'. This had never been undertaken before, with the aim being to bring the families and communities of our great Nation together at one moment in time, providing a wonderful 'tribute' to the many millions that paid the ultimate sacrifice during the dark days of WWII.

Prior to that they had enjoyed a lovely evening listening to Maltby band with an Interval of singing from Versatility Group. This was accompanied by Pie and Peas which everyone said were delicious.



Attendees messaged the Parish Council, who hosted the event, to say what a fantastic community event it was.

Thanks to all the ladies that knitted the poppies that made such a wonderful display on the front of the hall and all who volunteered on the night.



Hanging Baskets



Hanging Baskets have been ordered again for 2025 following positive feedback from parishioners. Thank you to the Parishioners that offered to make a donation towards this project, this really helps us spread the baskets across more lamp post than would otherwise be possible.

We are most grateful for those that have decided to sponsor a basket – one of our anonymous donors said “They were excellent last year, brightened up the village”.

The following special mentions were requested in lieu of our ability to put plaques on the baskets:

<p>For My Grandchildren Mason, Ebony, Charlie and Joseph Love Mama and Grandad</p>	<p>In Memory of Steve Cutting</p>	<p>In Memory of Timothy Jon Stanway</p>
<p>In Memory of Jack and Nancy Toft</p>	<p>Thank you to everyone in the village that makes Laughton-en-le-Morthen a great place to live David and Jan Dixon</p>	<p>In memory of Steve Alwyn and Alan Always and forever</p>
<p>Flowers for my dad (Alan Day) and his dad (Leslie Day) and mam (Madge Day) who lived and loved our gorgeous village</p>	<p>In memory of absent friends and lovers</p>	<p>Celebrating the Plant Family</p>
		<p>In memory of Joyce and Peter Liggins</p>

And thanks to Jann Valenzuela, Pete and Carol, Martin and Sharon Marples, Ward Cllr Mrs Amanda Clarke, Laughton-en-le-Morthen Bowling Club and all those that donated anonymously – you know who you are!

Regular Activities at Laughton Village Hall

Our newly refurbished Village Hall is available for hire. It is an ideal location for Weddings, Christenings, and parties.

If you would like to book, please contact Ann Mitchell - anncm@live.co.uk

Monday: Toddler Playgroup 9.30 am to 11 am

Keep Fit - Spin 5.30 pm : Kettlebells 6 pm : Clubbercise 6.30 pm

Tuesday: Keep Fit - Spin 6 am : Bowling 5.15 pm to 7.45 pm

Home Schooling Group 10 am to 3 pm

Wednesday: Knit and Natter 9.30 am to 12.30 pm

Keep Fit - Spin 5.30 pm : Pilates 6 pm

Thursday: Clubbercise 5.30 pm

Metafit 6.00 pm

Spin/50/50 6.30 pm

Friday: Spin/50/50 6.00 am

Creative Stitching 9.30 am to 3 pm

Saturday: Keep Fit - Spin 9 am : Pilates 9.30 am



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New Activity at Laughton Village Hall



Together is a heart-led women's group created by best friends Leanne and Carrie, who wanted to bring women together to heal, grow, and feel truly supported. We've shared beautiful sessions like sound healing, guided meditation, vision work, hypnosis, yoga, embodiment, and art painting, all aimed at helping us reconnect with ourselves and each other.

We usually meet at Laughton-en-le-Morthen Village Hall, but we love to switch it up and gather in different places when we can, keeping things fresh and connected to nature. Together is all about real connection, finding your spark again, and rising stronger with the support of other amazing women.

Find us on Facebook

@ Together - Reflect, Release & Rise

Instagram @ Together_reflect.release.rise

We are also in the process of setting up a children's version called Zengen to help with children's mental health and wellbeing. We are looking to roll this out in local schools as well.

St Johns Road Allotments Scarecrow Day

Following on from the success of the past two years St John's Road Allotments will be hosting a 'Scarecrow Festival and Fun Day' in Laughton Village Hall on Sunday 10th August 2025 from 10.30 am

Entry into the hall for the Fun Day is FREE.

Entry into the Scarecrow competition is £5 per entry.

There are still some stalls available at £10 per table

Attractions will include: -

- Hook a Duck
- Tombola
- Bric a Brac
- Cake Stall
- Hot Food
- Refreshments
- Craft Stalls



For more information, please contact Michelle on 07774699936

For a stall, please contact Jayne on 07735595136

The date has been chosen to coincide with 'National Allotment Week'.

Anyone interested in an allotment plot is encouraged to put their name on the waiting list via the Laughton en le Morthen Parish Council website. Plot clearance is taking place at the moment, with vacant plots becoming available shortly.

You can also find us on Facebook - [stjohnsallotmentslaughton](https://www.facebook.com/stjohnsallotmentslaughton)

Laughton All Saints Church

News from the Pews! Our monthly services are:

1st Sunday	Morning Prayer	9.00am
2nd Sunday	You, me and everyone ***	4.00pm
3rd Sunday	Holy Communion	9.00am
4th Sunday	Holy Communion	6.00pm

*** You me and everyone, is modern worship service with all ages in mind. It is a relaxed service that is great for young children with activities for them to enjoy.

Our monthly 'Take out' is on Friday 27th June, 6:30 pm at Laughton All Saints Church. There will be Fish & Chips and a Beetle Drive. Everyone is welcome.

We are planning a Parish Party Fun Day in church on Saturday 12th July 2-4 pm. More details to follow please check our Facebook page or website.

To book wedding or baptism and for any other details on services and events please contact Jill at the parish office allsaintslaughton@gmail.com or call 07943 222687.