

# News Update

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

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## Chairman's Message

Welcome to our latest news update. This newsletter is produced to keep parishioners informed about the work your Parish Council is doing on behalf of the community, as well as to share details of local events and activities you may wish to get involved in. We hope you find it both useful and enjoyable to read.

The Parish Council continues to work on a wide range of issues that matter to our community. Alongside our regular responsibilities, we are progressing further improvements at the Village Hall, continuing our programme of parish maintenance, and undertaking repairs and updates to the play area so that it remains a safe and enjoyable space for families. We are also keeping a close eye on local developments, including the Whitestone Solar Farm proposal, where we continue to raise concerns on behalf of residents and ensure your views are clearly represented.

I'm also very pleased to take this opportunity to welcome our new Parish Councillor, Andrew Lowe. Andrew brings a wealth of community experience and great enthusiasm, and we are delighted to have him join the team. His knowledge and commitment will be a real asset to the parish.

A huge thank you must go to all the volunteers who have helped make our new Pub Nights such a success. This community-led initiative has quickly become a much-loved monthly event, and it simply wouldn't happen without the time, energy and goodwill of those supporting it. Your efforts are genuinely appreciated.

By the time this newsletter reaches you, the new Community Food Hub at the Village Hall will have held its first couple of sessions. It is still early days, but we are encouraged by the interest shown so far, and we hope it will become a helpful and well-used resource for residents. We will continue to share updates as it develops.

As always, we welcome any feedback, ideas or suggestions for future newsletters. Please feel free to contact either me or Caroline, our Parish Clerk, if there is anything you would like to discuss. Our details are on page 2.

Thank you for your continued support, and I hope to see many of you at our upcoming community events.

Kevin Downing  
Parish Council  
Chairman



## Laughton Village Hall - Monthly Pub Nights

Following the success of our recent pub nights, Laughton Village Hall is pleased to announce that regular Pub Nights will now take place on the 4th Saturday of each month, with the exception of January and June, when they will be held on the 3rd Saturday.

Our pub nights offer a relaxed and friendly environment, giving everyone the chance to meet up with old friends, get to know new faces, and enjoy a sociable evening close to home. The 'pub' is open from 6 pm to 10 pm, drinks and snacks are available to purchase on the night,

Each evening includes light entertainment such as a raffle, a game of bingo or a quiz, plus the chance to win back your money on "Play Your Cards Right". Whether you fancy a chat, a game, or simply a night out without travelling far, you'll be very welcome.

Don't miss out on our Special Christmas Party pub night on 20th December - Tickets are on sale now.



**Dates for the next six months are:**  
**17th January | 28th February | 28th March**  
**25th April | 23rd May | 20th June**  
*Come along, enjoy the atmosphere,  
and support these growing community evenings!*



**Christmas Party**

FOOD . DRINKS . LIVE MUSIC

SATURDAY | **20** | DECEMBER  
AT 6.30 PM | TICKETS £20

**Laughton Village Hall**

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# Your Parish Council

## Notice of Meeting

The next ordinary meeting of the Parish Council will be held at 7.15pm, Wednesday 10th December 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](http://www.laughtonparishcouncil.gov.uk).

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My working days are

Monday to Thursday 10 am - 12.30 pm



## Meet Your New Parish Councillor

My name is Andrew Lowe and I've lived in and around Dinnington and Thurcroft my entire life.

### A little about myself:

I've been married to my lovely wife Amanda for 18 years and we have 2 children Riley 18 and Caitlin 17.

I attended Dinnington Comprehensive and have been an engineer within the steelworks for 26 years since leaving school.

I've volunteered with Laughton Juniors fc for around 10 years and am now the club Chairman and pride myself on being part of a great community club that now has circa 160 local children and growing, playing affordable grassroots sports.

I also enjoy organising and partaking in charity events for local and national charities which along the way has helped me develop strong leadership and project management skills which I hope will stand me in good stead and enable me to assist residents when called upon and help anywhere I can in the future.

I'm really looking forward to getting started and can't wait to meet you all

Andrew Lowe



## Saying Goodbye to 2025

This year has seen my first full year as a ward councillor and I have thoroughly enjoyed attending the parish council meetings and getting to know Laughton en le Morthen better. I have greatly enjoyed my time in the parish, particularly participating in the church open days, gardening activities, and the Counting the Butterflies event on 2nd August. Each event has been a genuine pleasure to attend.

VE80 on July 8th was particularly memorable, enjoying Maltby Colliery Band, the singers, a fantastic supper and the lighting of the beacon. Visiting the seasonal fairs and the delightful showcasing of local talent has been really enjoyable. Being given the opportunity to sponsor a hanging basket, bringing fabulous colour to the parish and remembering loved ones, was particularly poignant. As ward councillors, we are pleased to have provided funding to replace the bench at Carr Top.

2026 will bring challenges as the construction phase of Common Farm solar farm commences. I have attended the first transport management briefing, will attend the second in December and promise to feed back all information at the parish meetings. Of course, I will also make sure that residents' voices are represented during the construction phase. I am working alongside the parish councillors and we are united in opposing the Whitestone proposal, ensuring we are all up to date with any developments.

Alongside attending the meetings, I also hold a surgery every fortnight—alternate Wednesdays between 09:00 am and 10:00 am at Dinnington Library.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everybody a peaceful Christmas and a healthy 2026.

With warmest wishes,  
Councillor Amanda Clarke

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## 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 - annem@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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## All Saints Church Laughton en le Morthen *News from the Pews*

### Christmas Services & Events

6<sup>th</sup> December 2 pm - 4 pm Christmas Fayre

13<sup>th</sup> December 6.30 pm Carols Round The Tree  
with Maltby Miners Welfare Band

14<sup>th</sup> December 4 pm Christingle Service  
at this service we will be collecting donations of gifts  
for children and young people in the borough,  
to support families first.

21<sup>st</sup> December 6 pm Nine Lessons and Carols

### Christmas Eve

Crib Service 3 pm and Holy Communion 11.30 pm

### Christmas Day

9.30 am at St Bartholomew's Maltby



## New Community Food Hub!

Where everyone is welcome!

Join Us!

**Mondays 4.15 PM**

Laughton Parish Hall  
Laughton en le Morthen  
S25 1YD



£4 for a bag of food  
Bring Your Own Bag!

### New Community Food Hub at Laughton Village Hall

A new Community Food Hub has now opened at Laughton Village Hall, and everyone in the village is welcome to come along. The Hub runs every Monday at 4:15 pm, offering a friendly place to pick up a good selection of groceries for just £4 a bag — simply bring your own bag.

The Hub works in the same way as other Your Local Pantry projects: for a small weekly cost, members can choose from a range of items. It's a simple way to make your food budget go further while choosing the things you actually like and need.

Just as importantly, it's also a lovely chance to meet people, have a chat, and be part of something positive happening in the village. Anyone can join — there's no referral and no fuss.

If you're curious, please do pop in on a Monday and see what's on offer. You'll be very welcome.



For any baptism, wedding enquiries or details of any of the above service and events, please contact Jill allsaintslaughton@gmail.com or call 07943 222687.

## Another Exciting Year at St John's Road Allotments

It has been another wonderful and productive year on our allotments. Early in the season, the mild weather and bright sunny days brought a bumper harvest of soft fruits, including strawberries, raspberries and blackberries. Our fruit trees were equally generous, with branches laden with cherries, apples and pears—some of the tastiest we've enjoyed in years. Our tenants continue to grow an impressive variety of seasonal vegetables, herbs and flowers. There's nothing quite like the flavour of home-grown produce, freshly picked and cooked the same day. And when there's a glut, much of it is frozen to enjoy throughout the winter months.

Each year we hold an Allotment Fair in the village hall, showcasing the hard work and creativity of our allotment holders and also encouraging a little friendly rivalry with a Scarecrow competition. Tours of the allotment site are also given. It's been wonderful to see attendance grow year on year. This summer's fair was one of our best yet, with a great turnout and a lively mix of stalls, including home-baked cakes, games and local crafts. Keep an eye out on social media and local noticeboards for news of next year's event.

### Interested in Growing Your Own?

Would you like the chance to grow your own fresh fruit and vegetables, spend more time outdoors, and enjoy the peace of being surrounded by nature? We currently have a small number of plots available and would love to welcome new members. If time is an issue but you can spare just a few hours a month, we're also looking for volunteers to help around the site on our community plot—you'll receive a very warm welcome.

#### Get in Touch

For more information or to volunteer:  
Contact Michelle on 07774 699936

#### To apply for a plot:

Visit the Laughton en le Morthen Parish Council website and complete the application form.

Location: St John's Road Allotments, St John's Road, Laughton en le Morthen, S25 1YN

St John's Road Allotments are ready to welcome you  
why not join our growing community?



## News from Brookhouse

The Travellers Rest will be holding their yearly Santa's grotto and disco for the kids on Sunday 7th December, 2 pm - 6 pm. There is a cost of £5 per child and this includes a gift from Santa. All proceeds go to Maltby and Rother Valley Lions. Food served by Smoke Hayes Limited. Pre booking only !



Good news - Fibre broadband is now up and running in the village giving excellent download speeds and at reasonable cost.

Disappointingly we still have no clarity on whether the flood-mitigation works that were initially proposed by Severn Trent for Brookhouse will still go ahead.

## Thank You to Our Litter-Picking Volunteers



The Parish Council would like to express sincere thanks to the many volunteers, groups and individuals who regularly give up their time to litter pick around the parish. Whether you go out as part of an organised group or simply head out on your own with a bag and a picker, your efforts make a real and visible difference.

Thanks to your commitment, our lanes, footpaths and green spaces are cleaner, safer and far more pleasant for everyone to enjoy. We are extremely grateful for the pride you take in helping to keep Laughton-en-le Morthen and surrounding areas looking their best.

To all of you who quietly and consistently contribute – thank you.

Your work is truly appreciated.



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