

# News Update

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

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## Welcome to our latest news update

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

We hope you have had chance to look at the new website [www.laughtonparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.laughtonparishcouncil.gov.uk). There are some great pictures of the Parish, largely provided by our parishioners. There are also pictures of our newly renovated hall and details on how to book it.

Thank you to everyone that came along to the recent allotment scarecrow fun day and took part in the Scarecrow competition. It was lovely to see so many people using the hall, and the funds raised will help the allotments continue to grow and develop.

Christmas is now only a few weeks away. I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of the Parish Council, to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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.

Trevor Stanway  
Parish Council Chairman



## D-Day 80 - 6th June 2024

"The 6th June 2024 marks the 80th anniversary of D-Day, when Allied forces mounted the largest amphibious invasion the world has ever witnessed.

In 1944 Operation Overlord saw around 4,000 ships and landing craft set down about 132,500 troops on five Normandy beaches in an action that would bring about the liberation of north-west Europe from Nazi occupation.

*The bravery and sacrifice of those people in securing the peace and freedom we enjoy today will be observed by the lighting of beacons around the United Kingdom, Channel Islands, Isle of Man and UK Overseas Territories. I hope your community will join us. We are asking villages, towns, cities and organisations of all sizes to mark the 80th anniversary of D-Day by lighting a beacon at 9.15 pm on 6th June 2024, in celebration of the 'light of peace' that emerged out of the darkness of war."*

Bruno Peek CVO OBE OPR, Pageantmaster



Laughton-en-le-Morthen Parish Council has taken the decision to join in and mark this historic event with the lighting of the Parish Beacon. It is to be relocated to the Village Hall car park and will be lit with lights rather than fire. The Parish Council has booked Maltby Miners Welfare Band for the occasion and there will be stalls at the village hall, with the Beacon lighting at 9.15pm. Pie and Peas will be available for purchase, as well as a selection of cakes, tea and coffee. If anyone would like to work with Councillors in organising the event, please contact the clerk. Please keep an eye out for further information.





## Your Parish Council

### Notice of Meeting

The next ordinary meeting of the Parish Council will be held at 7.15pm, Wednesday 13th December 2023 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 meeting are also available on the website.

### Parish Councillors

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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 2023

LAUGHTON-EN-LE-MORTHEN PARISH COUNCIL			
Summary of Receipts & Payments for the year ending 31.03.2023			
2021/2022 Receipts		2022/2023	
£ 35,900.00	Precept	£ 43,190.00	
£ 5.48	Interest	£ 137.48	
£ 2,124.50	Allotments	£ 2,128.00	
£ 1,050.00	Football Pitch	£ -	Paid to Trust
£ 11,950.00	Grants Received	£ 108,000.00	
£ -	Public Works Loans Board loan	£ 29,975.00	
£ 610.00	Donations - Village Hall projects	£ 2,500.00	
£ 1,935.81	Community Infrastructure Levy	£ 631.85	
£ 1,626.57	VAT Recovered	£ 27,308.17	
<b>£ 55,202.36</b>	<b>Total Income</b>	<b>£ 213,870.50</b>	
2021/2022 Payments		2022/2023	
£ 2,863.41	Admin/Supplies/Expenses/Audit		4,093.40
£ 8,841.12	Net Staff Costs		12,986.46
£ 2,427.05	Insurance		1,498.24
£ 1,014.00	Subscriptions		198.07
£ 1,265.00	Village Hall		162,820.96
£ 2,508.04	Recreation Ground		2,577.36
£ 788.00	Landscaping		824.00
£ 2,550.67	Allotments & Gardens		1,783.34
£ 2,840.00	Hamlets		1,421.00
£ 698.13	Section 137		380.00
£ 435.00	Grants excl 137		250.00
£ 4,483.09	Projects		2,695.20
£ -	Repayments PWLB		992.65
£ 2,029.59	VAT Paid		34,036.64
<b>£ 32,743.10</b>	<b>Total Payments</b>		<b>226,557.32</b>
	Bank Balance at 01.04.2022	£ 75,028.80	
	Unpresented Cheque		
	Bank Balance at 31.03.2023		£ 62,341.98
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>£ 288,899.30</b>	<b>£ 288,899.30</b>

The above statement represents fairly the financial position of the Authority as at 31st March 2023

Signed	<i>T Stanway</i>		Chairman
Date	17th May 2023		
Signed	<i>C Havenhand</i>		RFO
Date	17th May 2023		

## Defibrillator Training Session

Laughton-en-le-Morthen Parish Council has organised a defibrillator training event to be presented by Yorkshire Ambulance Services on Saturday 23rd March 2024 at 11 am in Laughton Village Hall. Whilst the machines do give full instructions, parishioners have told us that face-to-face training would make them feel more confident.

Our Parish now has 5 defibrillators as a new defibrillator was installed in Carr this year. Please take a few minutes to walk around the Parish to identify where our defibrillators are located.

On the external wall of the Village Hall in Laughton-en-le-Morthen

On the external wall of Laughton J&I School on School Road, Laughton-en-le-Morthen

On the external wall of Laughton All Saints' C of E Primary School on High Street, Laughton-en-le-Morthen

On the external wall of the Traveller's Rest, Main Street, Brookhouse

On the wall driving through Carr, Carr Lane, Carr





## Speeding and Parking Issues

Members of the public recently attended the monthly parish council meeting to contribute their views to one of our planned agenda items to discuss current parking and speeding issues in the village. Ward Councillors also kindly accepted our invitation to attend. This is the current update.

### School Parking

This has been raised many times by the Parish Council and Parishioners. The solution is simple but difficult to enforce, more parents need to walk to school with their children. For those that choose to drive and park it should be a limited 5-minute stop in order to keep the area clear of traffic and the zig-zag lines should be respected. Staff trying to enforce this are often ignored.

### Actions from the meeting

This newsletter is an appeal to parents to walk from home or from the village hall car park, where there is plentiful parking, 5 minute's walk away. Ward Councillors are to speak to the headteacher regarding staggered finish times – this will only work if parents do not turn up early and spend 20 minutes waiting whilst on their phones. Enforcement patrols are to be requested by Ward Councillors to fine parents illegally parked. Nobody wants to see a child harmed because they could not be seen.

## Hanging Baskets

The Parish Council has taken the decision to place hanging baskets in the centre of the village for Summer 2024. They will go up in June and stay up until end of October.

Practically, for most impact, it would appear sensible to focus on those lamp posts from the crossroads up to the church. Dependant on cost and support this could stretch down towards St John's Road.

Parishioners have contacted the Parish Council about schemes that they have seen in other Parishes, where local residents sponsor a hanging basket in order to decorate the village. This would enable more baskets to be ordered.

The cost of a basket is expected to be around £45.00. If you would like to sponsor a basket and have your name, or the name of a loved one placed on it, please contact the Parish Clerk before 31st March 2024 when our order for baskets will be placed.

## Speeding and Road Safety

Ward Councillors had already held a session on this issue prior to the Parish Council Meeting. Their feedback was that opinion in the village is quite divided on what is needed, e.g., speed humps, 20mph zones, traffic lights.

They do have access to some funding next year and want to spend this as effectively as possible. As such they are currently working to put together a consultation on this issue and more details will be forthcoming in the New Year in terms of what this will look like.

In the interim data sources are being requested to understand the speed hot spots more accurately. Ward Councillors are also keen to do as many community speed watch sessions as possible and parishioners are invited to take part in these. Please contact Councillor Julia Hall - [cllrjulia.hall@rotherham.gov.uk](mailto:cllrjulia.hall@rotherham.gov.uk)

Issues were discussed regarding the narrow road system adjacent to St John's Church on St John's Road. Ward Councillors advise that the signage is under review and changes will be made early in the New Year.

Travellers Rest Christmas Party

WITH SNACKS FOR EVERYONE

SAT 16 DEC

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## Laughton All Saints Church- Christmas Services and Events

News from the Pews!

We are pleased to announce that we welcomed our new Priest in Charge, Revd Beth Langner, to All Saints' Church in October. The Bishop of Doncaster officiated Revd Beth's licensing service which was a joyful occasion.

Our monthly services are:

1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday	Morning Prayer	9.00am
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday	Evening Prayer	6.00pm
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday	Holy Communion With Revd Beth	9.00am
4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	Holy Communion With Revd Beth	6.00pm

The Christmas Fayre will be held on Saturday 2nd December, 2 pm till 4 pm. There will be many different stalls, games and crafts, refreshments, cakes and much more. Hopefully Santa will find time in his busy schedule to pay a visit as well.

Sunday 3rd December morning prayer with gift donation for families within the Rotherham area. There will be 'Carols around the Christmas Tree' on Saturday 9th December at 6.00 pm. Maltby Miners Brass Band will be playing, which the Parish Council have kindly funded. Mulled wine and mince pies will be served.

Sunday 10th December Christingle service 4 pm. Saturday 17th December Carol Service, with nine lessons, 6 pm. On Christmas Eve at 4 pm will be the Crib service, and later at 11.30 pm Holy Communion.

Please read above for our regular services. These are subject to change so please check our website/Facebook page or call the parish office for details Telephone - 07943 222 687.

[www.allsaintschurchlaughton.co.uk](http://www.allsaintschurchlaughton.co.uk)

## Regular Activities at Laughton Village Hall

Monday: Toddler Playgroup 9.30 am - 11 am  
Keep Fit - Spin 5.30 pm : Kettlebells 6 pm

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

Wednesday: Knit and Natter 9.30 am - 12.30 pm  
Keep Fit - Spin 5.30 pm : Pilates 6 pm

Thursday: Keep Fit - Spin 6 am  
Toddler Playgroup 9.30 am - 11 am

Friday: Creative Stitching 9.30 am - 3 pm  
Keep Fit - Kettlebells 5.30 pm : Spin 6 pm

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



## 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](mailto:anncm@live.co.uk)

## Brookhouse News

The village light switch on will be between 5 pm and 6 pm on 10th December. There is a children's Christmas party, starting at 1 pm, which must be booked – please see poster for details. Santa will be making an appearance! Come and join us.

**Christmas Kids Party £5**  
December 10<sup>th</sup> 2023  
Disco 1pm-6pm  
Visit from Santa  
Gift from Santa

Ticket price includes: A donation to Maltby Lions, Disco, Present from Santa  
Travellers Rest, Main Street, Brookhouse, S25 1YA

Contact for Toddler Playgroup is Wendy Bulmer - 07989679397

Contact for Keep Fit Classes is Fay Bird - 07581466464

Creative Stitching contact is Janet 07721321214

Bowling contact is Sue Salt 0779195083