

# Kirkby Underwood Parish Council

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of kirkby underwood

# Newsletter

## GREETINGS FROM YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

### MESSAGE FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

Welcome to a New year, the council wishes everyone in the village a much better and brighter 2022. Hoping that the restrictions and effects of Covid19 diminishes and we can all resume 'normal' life.

The council wanted to give all parishioners an update on the activities that are taking place under the current restrictions. We have a number of plans for the village including the installation of three benches, tree planting and the seeking of grants for the further beautification of the village.

The installation of the benches is an initiative that has been a long time coming with the intention that people within the village will be able to enjoy for many years to come. Funding has been granted and the benches have been delivered. More on this in the bulletin including where they are planned to be sited and details of the remembrance plaques and how they may be purchased.

We are looking to source further trees for the village however conditions have now been imposed that we can no longer offer for private gardens but must be placed on land with public access, we will keep you advised.



The defibrillator located at the village hall has been serviced and refurbished, funded by the small increase in the 'precept'. We will be looking to replace as required during 2023.

And finally the Queens Platinum Jubilee will be taking place during the year and we look forward to supporting the Village Hall where possible in the events organised for the village.

## Open Day Saturday 29th January 11am to 1pm at the Village Hall

It is the annual VILLAGE HALLS WEEK January 24th to 29th and in support of this and our Village Hall committee, KU Parish Councillors will be available in the VILLAGE HALL on **Saturday morning 29th January between 11am & 1pm**, to answer any questions and to receive any issues you wish the council to be aware of or any ideas for future projects. Or just for a quick chat.



Free refreshments will be available please come along and have a cuppa.

Invitations have been sent to Gareth Davies MP, Kelham COOKE SKDC and Martin Hill LCC.



### NEW INVESTMENT FOR THE COMMUNITY

### NEW PARK BENCHES FOR OUR VILLAGE

During the latter half of 2021 we applied to SKDC for a grant to purchase 3 park benches for siting within the village.

This was hoping to provide a resource for the whole village and in line with SKDC's criteria of negating rural isolation and enhancing rural life.

Pleasingly our application was successful and we recently took possession of the benches from the Lincolnshire based company Agri-cycle who recycle countryside waste including shotgun cartridges and plastic agricultural waste.

Having received Lincolnshire County Council approval we are now waiting for their guidance on installation and hope to have them sited in 3 locations around the village before spring. The benches will be sighted near the church, on Stainfield Road and Aslackby Road with landowners kind permission already granted.

To give the benches a more personal and memorable touch in our community the Parish Council has decided to offer engraved Metal Plaques for placement on a bench of your choice for a minimum donation of £100.

The Parish Clerk will arrange the engraving and placement for you. You can choose your own wording for example

i.e “In Memory of XXXX date from birth to death” or “Donation by Mr and Mrs Smith 2021”. The monies raised beyond the cost will be used for other projects within the village.



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This project was supported by  
the SK Community Fund

Please contact Malcolm on 01778 441271 or email [clerk@kirkbyunderwoodparishcouncil.com](mailto:clerk@kirkbyunderwoodparishcouncil.com) for donation pledges and plaques

### QUEENS PLATINUM JUBILEE 2nd to 5th June 2022

Ideas for celebrating the Queens Platinum Jubilee are to be discussed at the next Parish Council Meeting on Tuesday 8th February in conjunction with the Village Hall Committee. If you have any ideas please let us know via the Parish Clerk or at our drop in on Saturday 29th January at the village hall.



### Other News

The ice warning signs have been purchased and placed by the parish council to avoid the vehicle crashes that have plagued the village environs. When the parish have further funds we will look to buy further signs to be placed on the Rippingale road during cold weather.

Anglia water, after complaints to the Chief Executive appear, after remedial work, to have lessened the flooding problem in the centre of the village. Hopefully when very heavy rains occur we won't see a return of the road wide pools of water forming. The council will of course continue to monitor.

### KUPC Hospital Transport Scheme

In the light of our fortunate position in having a gift donation, KUPC have devised a **hospital transport scheme**, thus honouring the Merrison legacy to ease the financial burden for those in ill health. The Parish Council will pay approved applicants £0.65 per mile (subject to review) towards the cost of provision by friends, relatives (or other forms of transport) to attend and return from treatment or appointments.

The scheme **is not able to provide voluntary drivers** to convey patients, due to legislation for voluntary schemes making driver qualification and insurance unworkable for a very small parish.

### FEATURES OF THE SCHEME

- ANYONE RESIDING IN KIRKBY UNDERWOOD IS ELIGIBLE
- PROVIDE FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO ATTEND PRE-BOOKED ESSENTIAL VISITS TO A HOSPITAL OR CLINIC
- APPLIES TO MEDICAL FACILITIES WITHIN LINCOLNSHIRE PLUS PETERBOROUGH CITY AND FITZWILLIAM HOSPITALS
- POSSIBLE FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO ATTEND SPECIALIST MEDICAL TREATMENT WITHIN THE UK
- APPLICATION FORM FROM PARISH CLERK OR OUR WEBSITE

This entire fund is from the Merrison donation and has no other revenue source. With prudent use it is hoped that this unique assistance will be available into the foreseeable future.

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### VISIT OUR WEBSITE

Our new website contains a wealth of information about your Parish Council, latest news, links to South Kesteven District Council and Lincolnshire County Council services.

Go to <http://parishes.lincolnshire.gov.uk/KirkbyUnderwood/>