
Kirkby Underwood Parish Council

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Newsletter

GREETINGS FROM YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

A happy and prosperous New Year to you all. I know that Spring will come but it still feels that we may have a harsh winter ahead and looking after ourselves during bad weather is important.

For coughs and minor ailments there are Pharmacies in Bourne who are willing to assist with advice. You can call the NHS 111 service if you urgently need medical help and it's not a life-threatening situation.



If you require Hospital Emergency Services then Peterborough City Hospital may be closest at PE3 9GZ.

There is a defibrillator on the wall outside the Village Hall with access instructions. Don't forget that for planned hospital appointments the Parish Council can assist in covering the cost for patients who do not have their own transport.

We are aware of an increase in potholes in the surrounding roads, if you encounter one then please report it through the Lincolnshire County Council website www.fixmystreet.lincolnshire.gov.uk or contact the clerk.

We are all good neighbours and in adverse conditions it is important to keep a check on each other.

The next Parish Council Meeting will be at **7.00pm on Tuesday February 11** in Kirkby Underwood Village Hall. The meetings are open to all and we welcome your attendance.

Stay Safe Be Well.

Councillor Jenni Ashwood Chair

Email: kupcjennifer@gmail.com

Community Open Day 10.30am Saturday 22nd February at the Village Hall

We are hoping to build on the success of last year and the focus of this year's event is living in a rural environment.

Free refreshments will be available while you listen, chat and enjoy meeting up with others from the village.

Local farmer David Dodds will be speaking about what it is like to farm in Lincolnshire in 2020. I'm sure he will have a few anecdotes to share.

Sam Tarrant will be talking about how we can all help wildlife to thrive, often by making our gardens more inviting to smaller mammals.

There will be a film show using some of the BFI extracts of Country Life, specifically moving a farm by rail, everything but the buildings.

To ensure a balance in all we will have a talk about shooting game from one of our qualified beaters; controlling the wildlife population is also important.

Martin Hill, leader of Lincolnshire Council, will also be talking about life in Lincolnshire.

FREE TREES AND SHRUBS AT THE COMMUNITY OPEN DAY

We have been given a quantity of young trees, also known as whips, from 'I Dig Trees' The Community Volunteering Charity, who over the past 5 years have supplied over 1 million trees. These will be available **free of charge**, on a first come first served basis, for planting out in gardens and fields within the Parish. All we ask in return is photographs of your plantings.

Trees come with planting instructions and spiral tree guards to protect from marauding wildlife. There are 10 of each of the following varieties available: Common Oak, Common Alder, Common Beech, Silver Birch, Hornbeam, Mountain Ash, Bird Cherry, Hazel, Crab Apple, Goat Willow.



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We also have 50 hedging plants which are a mixture of Blackthorn, Hawthorn, Dogwood and more Goat Willow.

We can give advice as to the suitability of varieties for any location. Please remember that trees do need to be managed especially if planted near roads or boundaries between houses.

We look forward to seeing you.



The BHS & British Driving Society



Road & Rider Awareness Evening for Riders & Carriage Drivers

To be held on Tuesday 31st March at the Village Hall

**Doors open at 6.30pm and talk commences at 7.00pm
Refreshments available**

The British Horse Society and the British Driving Society invite you to an informative Road and Rider Awareness Evening.

Speakers include BHS Director of Safety, Alan Hiscox an equine lawyer and other agencies.

We are dedicated to making the world safer for horses and those who care for them. Find out about our 360* Virtual Reality footage and much more.

Also an essential evening for all road users including, drivers, pedestrians, cyclists and mobility scooter users.

This event is being organised by village resident Gill Reynolds, please call her on 01778 440449 to enable her to cater for the numbers attending.



KUPC Hospital Transport Scheme

In the light of our fortunate position in having a gift donation, KUPC have devised a **new 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. **This will replace the Rippingale Scheme.**

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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