



Balderton Parish Council Newsletter



A fox at Lowfield Lane, taken by Podge Hodgson

Improved Communications

Welcome to the new Balderton Parish Council newsletter, We have spent lots of time in the community over the last year, before and since the election, listening to local residents' feedback and we are delighted to introduce a newsletter which will be delivered by councillors to all homes in the parish twice a year.

We pledge to keep you informed. We also have a brand new website and a Facebook page which will be regularly updated to bring you news on the council's work and information on what is happening in Balderton.



Our services

There is often confusion regarding which councils provide which services. In a nutshell, we provide/maintain:

- Allotments at the end of Glebe Park
- Balderton Lake
- Balderton Village Centre
- Balderton Cemetery off Mount Road
- Coronation Street playing field and facilities
- Dog bins in the parish
- St Giles churchyard

In this issue:

- Reduced pricing at Balderton Village Centre
- Your new parish council
- Strategy and action plan
- Balderton Lake update
- New Facebook page and website
- Safer Streets 5
- Annual Parish Meeting – April 17th

Contact us:

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Balderton Village Centre,
Coronation Street, Balderton, NG24 3BD

Email:
office@baldertonparishcouncil.gov.uk

Call: 01636 703626

Office opening times: 10am – noon,
Monday to Friday

Balderton Village Centre



LOWER PRICES

We have listened to residents' feedback regarding the pricing of our community centre which is at the end of Coronation Street. **Prices have been reduced** to make the centre competitive for children's parties, small businesses and charities. There is also discount for Balderton residents for party/one off bookings.

It is clear to us that the building hasn't been used to its full potential over the last few years and we encourage small businesses, charities and local groups to get in contact if they are interested in booking the hall to provide exercise classes and activities. **Bouncy Castles** are now permitted so we welcome children's party bookings!

We want to develop the centre as a community hub. Please get in touch with our staff to book: Email us at office@baldertonparishcouncil.gov.uk or complete the booking enquiry form on our website and we will get back to you.

Book Swap

We have a book swap in the centre. Feel free to come in and pick up a book during our opening times.



Plastic Bottle Tops & Stamp Recycling

We have a collection point in the centre for plastic bottle tops and stamps. These are taken by a local resident to raise funds for Dove Day Care Hospice at the Vale of Belvoir.

Macmillan Coffee

In December we held a Macmillan coffee morning at the centre. We combined this with having stall holders giving advice on topics such as managing household bills, cooking on a budget and energy usage reduction. We will be holding another Macmillan Coffee Morning in September.

SAVE THE DATE

WORLD'S BIGGEST COFFEE MORNING

MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT

Friday 27th September 10am - noon
Balderton Village Centre



Your new parish council



Pictured from left to right: Jane Buxton, Roy Fairbairn, Karen Callingham, Joy Sellars, Ronalie Bright, Debbie Moore, Dean Scott, Mandie Elson, Vanessa Bracegirdle, Martyn Cox

Our councillors

Vanessa Bracegirdle, Ronalie Bright, Jane Buxton (Chair), Karen Callingham, Martyn Cox, Mandie Elson, Roy Fairbairn, Simon Forde, Jean Hall, Mac Mallard, Leigh Marshall, Debbie Moore, Dean Scott, Joy Sellars, and Ronnie White are your Balderton Parish Councillors.

Our website has details of which areas of Balderton our councillors represent and photos of them.

Our councillors are elected for 4 years or co-opted if an elected councillor steps down. They spend hours serving our community, giving their time with no remuneration; they do not receive any payment for the time that they give. Our councillors have hand delivered this newsletter to all households.

Occasionally a councillor may step down in which case we advertise this on our website and noticeboards. Electors can call for an election but if the minimum number of electors calling for an election is not met (10), we advertise the role to encourage residents to put themselves forward to be co-opted.

On the cover of this newsletter, we have summarised what services we cover. Often residents raise issues out of our remit but we are happy to signpost to the correct organisation. We want to know the concerns of residents so we can work with local county/district councillors to address concern of residents together.

A note from our chair – Jane Buxton

In May 2023, Balderton residents went to the polls to vote for your Parish Council, for the first time since 2011. We were humbled and delighted with the outcome you gave us. A sincere thank you for putting your faith in us, to listen and deliver for our local community. Many of us are your neighbours, have raised families here and call Balderton home. There are 15 Councillors and 12 of them are new to the role. Our time to date has been spent attending training courses and gaining knowledge and skills to better understand what is required of a Parish Councillor. We are regularly out in the community, around the lake and village hall, dog walking and litter picking, but more importantly listening to residents' feedback.

We wish to encourage residents to attend our meetings or contact us directly with ideas and concerns. We fully appreciate, we can never please everyone, but we have an open door and our email addresses are on the parish council website. We are listening, the response may not be as immediate as you wish, but I assure you we do take your feedback seriously. Thanks again for all your good wishes and support.

Balderton Lake News

In December, we met with the Environment Agency to take their advice on the large amount of weed in the pump pond near Orchid Close. Our grounds staff, aided by members of Grove Angling Club, then spent days removing the weed.

The Environment Agency advised that the barriers between the pump pond and main lake should be removed to allow better water flow and this has now been carried out. The removal of these will be a relief to many who have seen wildlife such as swans getting stuck in the barriers.

The council plans to commission a report to give the council professional advice on how to best manage the lake going forward.

We have replaced all the bins around the lake using Safer Streets 5 funding. New benches have been installed with this funding too. New life buoys/lines and signage are also due to be installed this month. Balderton Parish Council are working in partnership with Newark and Sherwood District Council to address antisocial behaviour in Balderton. More exciting developments are planned for this year.

Thank you to Herbie, Keith, Jackie and Podge for their wonderful photos that we have used in this issue. See page 11 if you would like to send in photos for our next newsletter.



Taken by Herbie Herbert



Taken by Keith Asher



Taken along the Sustrans track by Jackie Spindley

Allotments Update

Since coming into office, we have reviewed our allotments which are at the end of Glebe Park. As allotments become available these are allocated in quarters (approximately 65 square metres) rather than halves so we can allocate them to as many people on the waiting list as possible. Our staff are tidying up the site to release space for more parking and better recycling of the council's green waste.

We have joined the Allotment Society so we can look at best practice and learn from other organisations. We have adopted their allotment agreement which is now in place with our new allotment holders. We will be issuing new agreements to existing allotment holders this summer.

If you are interested in having an allotment you can apply through our website or contact the office.



Dog Bins



Balderton Parish Council owns the dog bins in the parish and has a contract with Newark and Sherwood District Council to empty them. If you ever spot an overflowing bin, please report this through their website or call their helpline.

The parish council has decided to replace bins as they become rusty and will gradually do this over the coming years. We regularly get asked for more dog bins but we are asking owners to take their rubbish home or to the nearest bin. Our dog bin budget for 2024/25 is already £6500 and we have done our very best to not increase the precept (money from your council tax which comes to Balderton Parish Council) over the rate of inflation.

Road and paths



We often get queries and calls about roads and paths. These are looked after by Via East Midlands on behalf of Nottinghamshire County Council. They have a useful app for reporting any issues, including potholes and flooding.

New website

Our website, www.baldertonparishcouncil.gov.uk, has all our agendas and minutes so everyone can keep up to date with what the parish council is working on, decisions we have made and items we are due to consider.

The website also has lots of information on the council's work and is the best place to find out details of the services we provide. You can also follow our Facebook page for regular updates on our work.

From 2024, we will produce and distribute this newsletter twice a year to each household and business in Balderton to keep you informed of events and activities of the council. Digital versions will be available on our website.

Our minutes and agendas (with detailed background papers) are posted on our website. Agendas are posted on our noticeboard in the porch of Balderton Village Centre.

Residents are always welcome to come into the parish council office in the village centre with queries. Office opening times: 10am – noon, Monday to Friday.

The council encourages everyone to come to our meetings which are detailed on this page. Public participation is limited to the 20 minute forum but everyone is most welcome to stay for the whole meeting to listen to the debate and decisions made by the council.

Councillors representing our parish for Newark and Sherwood District Council and Nottinghamshire County Council are always invited to full council meetings so this is a perfect opportunity for residents to see all local councillors.



Balderton Parish Council

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Open meetings

Did you know we meet three times most months and at the beginning of each meeting there is a public forum where you can talk to our councillors?

- On the fourth Wednesday of each month the full council meets to discuss the council's finance, policies and much more!
- On the second Wednesday of each month the Amenities Committee meets to discuss the services we provide in the village such as:
 - Allotments
 - Balderton Lake
 - Balderton Cemetery
 - Balderton Village Centre
 - Coronation Street Park
 - Dog bin provision
 - Events
 - St Giles Church Yard
- On the third Monday of each month, the planning committee will meet (if there is enough applications to warrant a meeting). If there are only a few small applications, this business may be transferred to a full council meeting.

Agendas for all these meetings can be found on our website approximately 6 days before the meeting. They are also on the noticeboard in the porch of Balderton Village Centre on Coronation Street. **For meeting dates, see page 8.**

We also promote these meetings on our Facebook page so please visit and follow or like our page to receive invites.

Follow our page on Facebook - Search Balderton Parish Council




www.baldertonparishcouncil.gov.uk



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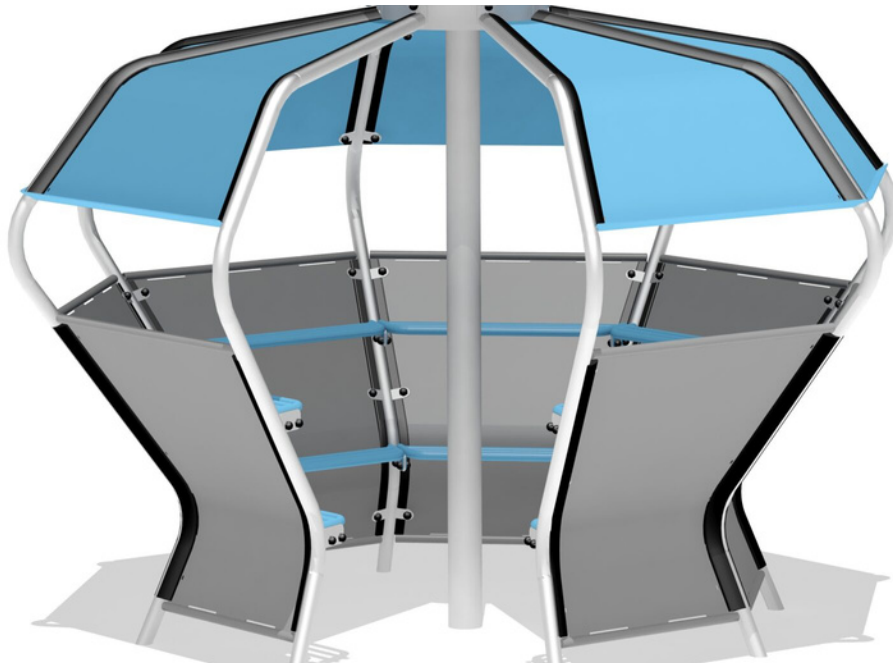
Welcome to Balderton Parish Council's website.

SHARE    

 Sign up to our Email Alerts

Latest News

£150,000 Safer Streets Funding for Balderton



In October, we were delighted to be awarded Safer Streets 5 funding. Measures to improve safety and security in Balderton are being delivered through Newark and Sherwood District Council's partnership with Balderton Parish Council, Nottinghamshire Police and the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC).

In February and March, the parish council grounds team replaced 4 benches in the play area and installed bins at Coronation Street Park. A youth pod has also been installed on the playing field.

At Balderton Lake the team have replaced all the bins and installed some new ones. Three lockable life ring stations and three throw rope stations have also been installed. New signage for around the lake is on order.

CCTV at Balderton Village Centre has also been replaced with this funding.

Newark and Sherwood District Council are also organising activities such as a graffiti project and a water safety day from the funding.



A Neighbourhood Watch scheme is due to be rolled out and we are reaching out to the community for people to volunteer to co-ordinate the Neighbourhood Watch for their area of Balderton. Please get in touch if you would like to help by either emailing office@baldertonparishcouncil.gov.uk or calling 01636 703626.



TO MAKE IT HAPPEN

Tackling Litter

Balderton Parish Council is keen to help tackle littering in the parish.

In February we met with officers and members of Newark and Sherwood District Council to see how we can work on this together and take their advice on how Balderton Parish Council can help with this issue.

Some of our parish councillors are regularly out around Balderton litter picking and they joined the family litter pick organised by Sustrans in March.

If you would like to be notified on when there are community litter picks, please email your details to office@baldertoncouncil.gov.uk or submit an online form on our website www.baldertonparishcouncil.gov.uk so we can let you know. Likewise if you litter pick in your street or area, please let us know so we don't duplicate efforts. Also, if you are on Facebook look out for our posts about upcoming events.



NEWARK DEMENTIA
CARERS' GROUP

We meet at
Balderton Village
Centre every
Monday and Thursday

Email: info@ndcg.org.uk
FB: /NewarkDementiaCarers
01636 702577
07930 191084



Tuesdays and Thursdays

10am - 3pm

- Tea and Coffee
- Light Lunches
- Friendly Chat
- Homemade Cakes
- and more!

Visit Us

Balderton Methodist Church, Main Street,
Balderton, Newark, NG24 3LQ



Wesley's Cafe Hub



www.baldertonmethodistchurch.co.uk

Did you know Newark and Sherwood District Council has a portal called MyNS for residents to find out useful information in Newark and Sherwood tailored for them. To register go to:

<https://selfservice.newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk/>

“Learn Laugh Live”
Newark & District u3a

u3a

Retired or semi-retired? Want to try new activities? Newark & District u3a offer 30+ interest groups including:

Play Reading, Murder Mystery Book Group, Latin for Beginners, “Early Birds” dining group, Creative Writing, Archaeology Group, Walking Group, Tai Chi, Art Groups, Music Appreciation, Science Group, Out & About Group, “Funtography” Group, Birdwatching, Line Dancing, Pub Lunch & Quiz Group, Disco Dance Group...

We think of ourselves as a “Youth Group for Seniors”! We are at Balderton Village Centre on the second Tuesday afternoon of each month.

Contact us for details

Telephone number: **07726 573600**

Website: www.Newark-u3a.org.uk

Registered Charity No 1147496

Our Strategy

Our full strategy and action plan can be found on our website: www.baldertonparishcouncil.gov.uk

Below we summarise our plans:

- Effectively communicate parish council work through the introduction of a parish newsletter, delivery of a new website and a parish council Facebook page.
- Improve the openness of council by encouraging residents to attend our meetings and meeting with residents in the community.
- Actively engage with stakeholders to understand their views, needs and aspirations for Balderton.
- Work with residents and organisations to enhance what is on offer for our community and improve facilities in the area.
- Develop Balderton Village Centre as a community hub of the parish.
- Manage Balderton Lake effectively, improving the facilities such as bins, lifebuoys, and signage.
- Develop the Glebe Road allotments to increase the number of plots available and ensure the site is as tidy as possible.
- Continue our Burial Authority role, providing facilities for burials and ashes interments at Balderton Cemetery.
- Continue to maintain St Giles Churchyard ensuring a survey is completed on the church walls and necessary repairs made.
- Work to clean up the environment through the provision of bins at our sites, dog bins across the parish, community litter picking sessions and collaborating with partners who also provide services to keep our environment clean.
- Work with Newark and Sherwood District Council and Nottinghamshire Police to try to tackle pockets of antisocial behaviour in the parish.
- Work closely with Nottinghamshire County Council, Newark and Sherwood District Council and any other agencies on all plans for the Parish. Additionally having good working relationships with parish councils in neighbouring communities with a view to sharing of information and liaising on matters of mutual concern.

Balderton Parish Council Meeting Dates 2024

All meetings start at 7:00pm at the Balderton Village Centre and are open to the public.

Month	Full Council <i>4th Wednesday of the month</i>	Amenities <i>2nd Wednesday of the month</i>	Planning* <i>3rd Monday of the month</i>
April	24 th	10 th	15 th
May	22 nd	8 th	20 th
June	26 th	12 th	17 th
July	24 th	10 th	15 th
August	No Meeting	No Meeting	19 th
September	25 th	11 th	16 th
October	23 rd	9 th	21 st
November	27 th	13 th	18 th
December	No Meeting	11 th	16 th

Please see our website www.baldertonparishcouncil.gov.uk or noticeboards for agendas.

Agendas will be published approximately 6 days before meeting.

*Planning meetings are scheduled but if the number of applications is very low, planning business may be considered at Full Council meetings..

New early morning and evening buses from Balderton to and from Newark (and Nottingham)

on Monday to Saturday evenings

with last buses back after 11 o'clock at night

Towards Newark at 1811, 1911, 2011 and 2141 (Saturdays 1846, 1946)

Back from Newark at 1850, 1950, 2045 and 2348 (Saturdays 1830, 1930, 2115, 2310)

A new direct service is now available, bus 90 (provided by Vectare), from Balderton along London Road to Newark bus station and to the centre of Nottingham.

The maximum fare is only £2 each way.

This service offers early morning and evening services to and from Newark town centre.

Timetables use the 24-hour clock, so for example 1630 is 4.30pm.

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Bus 90: Fernwood to Nottingham	Balderton* Staple Lane	Balderton* The Grove	Newark bus station (Lombard St.)	Nottingham Beastmarket Hill, stop B3**
MONDAYS TO FRIDAYS mornings	0614, 0714, 0856, 0956, 1101	0618, 0718, 0900, 1000, 1105	0625, 0725, 0905, 1005, 1110	0730, 0835, 1015, 1115, 1215
Monday to Friday afternoons	1201, 1301, 1401, 1506, 1611, 1711, 1811	1205, 1305, 1405, 1510, 1615, 1715, 1815	1210, 1310, 1410, 1515, 1621, 1721, 1821	1315, 1415, 1515, 1623, 1733, 1833, 1933
Monday to Friday evenings	1911, 2011 2141	1915, 2015 2145	1920, 2020 2150	Only to Bingham*** 2248
SATURDAYS daytimes	0721, 0841, 0956, 1101, 1201, 1301, 1401, 1501, 1601, 1701	0725, 0845, 1000, 1105, 1205, 1305, 1405, 1505, 1605, 1705	0735, 0855, 1010, 1115, 1215, 1315, 1415, 1515, 1615, 1715	0835, 0955, 1115, 1215, 1315, 1415, 1515, 1615, 1715, 1815
Saturday evenings	1746, 1846, 1946 <i>1846 connects at Newark</i>	1750, 1850, 1950 <i>1850 connects at Newark</i>	1755, 1855, 1955 1910, 2110 2140, 2335	<i>All end at Newark</i> 2005, 2205 Only to Bingham***
SUNDAYS	<i>No service</i>	<i>No service</i>	0840, 1100, 1400, 1620 1830	0938, 1158, 1458, 1718 Only to Bingham***

* Starts at Fernwood and calls at every bus stop along London Road. Please hail the driver.

** Arrives outside Nottingham railway station (stop S6) 5 minutes earlier (4 minutes earlier on Sundays)

*** Change at Bingham Market Place (terminus) for onward connections to Nottingham on bus 92, with 25-minute connections, departing at 2011 and 2111 on Mondays to Fridays. On Saturdays, the 2140 from Newark arrives at Bingham at 2204 and the 92 leaves for Nottingham at 2223 (arriving at 2320). Note that a second fare will be needed for bus 92.

Bus 90: Nottingham to Fernwood	Nottingham Broadmarsh bus station, bay 1**	Newark bus station (Lombard St.)	Balderton* The Grove	Balderton* Staple Lane
MONDAYS TO FRIDAYS mornings	0750, 0850, 1030, 1130	0850, 0950, 1130, 1230	0857, 0957, 1137, 1237	0900, 1000, 1140, 1240
Monday to Friday afternoons	1230, 1330, 1430, 1530, 1635	1330, 1430, 1530, 1630, 1745	1337, 1437, 1537, 1637, 1752	1340, 1440, 1540, 1640, 1755
Monday to Friday evenings	1750, 1850, 1950, 2257	1850, 1950, 2045, 2348	1857, 1957, 2050, 2353	1900, 2000, 2053, 2356
SATURDAYS daytimes	0850, 1010, 1130, 1230, 1330, 1430, 1530, 1630	0825, 0950, 1110, 1230, 1330, 1430, 1530, 1630, 1730,	0832, 0957, 1117, 1337, 1437, 1537, 1637, 1737	0835, 1000, 1120, 1340, 1440, 1540, 1640, 1740
Saturday evenings	1730, 1830, 2020, 2220	1830, 1930, 2115, 2310	1837, 1937, 2121, 2316	1840, 1940, 2124, 2319
SUNDAYS	0950, 1210, 1510, 1730	1045, 1305, 1605, 1825	<i>All end at Newark</i>	<i>All end at Newark</i>

* Calls at every bus stop along London Road. Please hail the driver.

** Departs from Nottingham railway station (stop S4) 1 minute later.

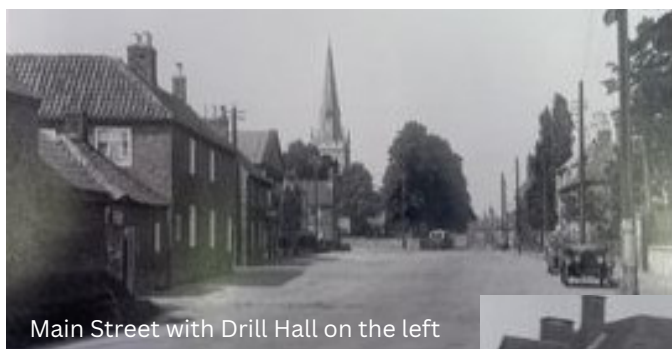
This information is correct at 10 February 2024.

Please check current timetables, live departures and tracking each bus at <https://bustimes.org/services/90-nottingham-newark> for Service 90

<https://www.traveline.info/> for all services

These services are subsidized, so,

Let's Use It or Lose It.



Main Street with Drill Hall on the left



Worthington Simpsons Pump Works



The Grove Hotel

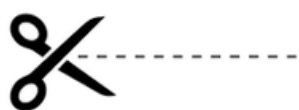
**Remember
when**

Let us have your photos

Our councillors and staff love to see the daily photos on the Balderton Wildlife Facebook Group. We are very lucky to have such beautiful wildlife in



our parish. Residents are encouraged to submit photos for consideration for inclusion in our next newsletter or on our website. They can be uploaded via links on our website. Photos of Coronation Street Park, our allotments or anything you think could be of use in our next issue would be gratefully received.



Balderton Parish Council would value your feedback



1. Balderton Parish Council aims to deliver a newsletter to all homes twice per year. Do you think the newsletter is useful?

Yes No

2. What would you like to see in our next newsletter or do you have any other feedback?

If you would be interested in advertising or you would like feedback on your comments, please enter your details below.

Name:

Email address:

Contact number:

Interested in advertising: Yes No

Please post your response in the postbox on the gate at Balderton Village Centre, Coronation Street, Balderton, NG24 3BD

Alternatively, visit our website www.baldertonparishcouncil.gov.uk and click on the newsletter tab to feedback on our online form.

BALDERTON ANNUAL PARISH MEETING



Wednesday 17th April, 2024 6.30pm
Balderton Village Centre, Coronation Street

A meeting for the residents of Balderton to hear what stakeholders in the parish have planned/are doing and to ask questions.



This meeting is arranged by the Chair of Balderton Parish Council but it is about Balderton as a whole rather than only parish council activity.

We welcome the residents of Balderton to come to see lots of representatives who work and volunteer in our beautiful village.

The agenda will be published on the council's website, shared on social media and on our noticeboards.
Refreshments will be served.

Representatives from St Gobain (Bantycok Quarry) and Urban and Civic (Southern Relief Road) will be at the meeting so you can talk to them about their work in our parish.