

COLLINGHAM *Parish Council*

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Following on from our article in the last edition of Fleet, we would like to make you aware that we will have a stand at the Collingham Show on Saturday 21st September. We would particularly like to speak to you about any ideas you may have regarding projects which you believe would be of benefit to our community. If you are a member of a group or club and want to discuss an idea with us, then please take the opportunity on the day. We are more than happy to discuss. Grants that could be available and we can give guidance on your ideas.

Parking on double yellow lines (particularly at Woodhill Road) is being monitored by the Highways Department due to regular problems. A camera car is operating in the village and action will be taken against anyone parking where it is likely to cause inconvenience to other villagers.

Collingham Library on High Street are looking for more volunteers. There will be meetings at Collingham Memorial Hall on Wednesday 2nd October at 2pm and Saturday 8th October at 10.30am. Training of volunteers is planned for the end of October and it is hoped that new volunteers will be ready to start by Monday 4th November. If you would like to help with this valuable resource, please attend one of the meetings. You will be made most welcome.

One of our responsibilities as a Council is to monitor the condition of the footpaths in and around Collingham. If you become aware of any problems whilst walking within our Parish boundary could you please let Rosemary Fabian or Derek Mackenzie (telephone numbers shown above) know so they can take the necessary action. We are walking the paths as swiftly as we can but with more than 40 numbered footpaths in the Parish they would welcome any feedback from you on footpaths so we can investigate and take appropriate action.

We have just become aware through Action Fraud of a scam in which fraudsters target people with offers of ' low cost ' loans or ' free ' government grants. What the victims aren't told is that the money they receive is actually an advance payment for Universal Credit. The criminals use the personal information they've obtained to make an application in the victims name. After the fraudsters have taken their ' fee' from the payment, the victim is then left to pay back the total amount once their payment begins. To protect yourself (and this holds good for other suspicious calls) never share your personal or financial information with someone you don't know and trust, particularly if it's in response to an offer of ' free money ' or a ' free grant '

Derek Mackenzie & Tim Musson

Collingham Parish Council meets on the fourth Thursday of every month and the second Thursday in December. The meeting in August may be cancelled if there is insufficient business. The meetings are held at the Youth and Community Centre on Low Street and begin at 7:15pm. The general public are welcome at all meetings, though they have no rights to participate except at the beginning of the meeting or at the Chairman's discretion and with prior notice to the clerk. Once the meeting is under way the public are welcome and encouraged to stay and listen to the Council. There may be times because of the sensitive nature of the business being discussed that the public and the press are asked to leave though this happens very rarely.